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SINO-SOVIET BREAK.

CHINESE ASSURANCES TO FRANCE.

OVER 300 RUSSIANS ARRESTED IN MANCHURIA.

SOVIET "REPRISALS."

The Nanking Government has issued a statement to-day asserting positively that China has no intention of waging war upon Russia, and denying the reports of her intention to use White Russians to invade Soviet territory.

Meanwhile, there is still considerable alarm in Harbin and over three hundred Russians have been arrested on a charge of inciting their compatriots against the Chinese authorities.

NEW CHINESE NOTE PLANNED.

Tokyo, July 23. Advice from Harbin disclose that over three hundred Soviet employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway have been arrested on a charge of stirring up their compatriots against the Chinese authorities.

Forty-two other Russians, including eight women, have been arrested at Poyanichang and other places, on similar charges. These have been brought to Harbin and thrown into prison.

China's Assurances.

Paris, July 23. In the course of a visit to M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, this morning, the Chinese Minister thanked M. Briand for his intervention with a view to a peaceful settlement of the Sino-Soviet dispute and assured him that China could not accept her international commitments in regard to the League of Nations and a signature to the Kellogg Pact.

He affirmed that China's only idea was to settle the difference by peaceful means.

Emphatic Nanking Denial.

Nanking, July 24. It is authoritatively stated that the report that the Chinese authorities plan to employ "White" Russians to invade Soviet territory are absolutely without foundation.

It is positively asserted that China has no intention of waging war upon Russia and will not countenance any idea of backing the "White" Russians.

The Railway Situation.

Mukden, July 23. Traffic on the Chinese Eastern Railway in Chinese territory is functioning as usual.

However, railway connections at Manchuli and Suifenho have been suspended, as east-bound trains from Siberia have ceased to cross Chinese territory.

No Tea From China.

Moscow, July 23. As a result of the rupture of Sino-Russian relations, the purchase of tea in China has stopped.

Tea will now be bought in other countries. The Soviet purchases of tea in China are estimated to total over 15,000,000 roubles annually.

Russian Reinforcements.

Mukden, July 23. In a report to the Nanking Government, General Chang Hsueh-ang says that Russian troops at Manchuli and Suifenho are still being reinforced.

According to a Japanese source over 1,000 Chinese merchants at Vladivostok have been arrested by the Soviet authorities on one pretext or another. The Chinese Consulate officials at Vladivostok are virtually prisoners as the Russian troops have cut the telephone wires and placed a guard on the building.

Tientsin, July 23. The Chinese Foreign Affairs Commissioner at Tientsin has refused to grant a passport to the Soviet Consul at Tientsin on the ground that the Nanking Foreign

SOVIET REPLIES TO BRITAIN.

READY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION.

AMBASSADOR IN PARIS TO VISIT LONDON.

EQUAL TREATMENT.

Moscow, July 23. A Soviet Note to Britain, signed by M. Karakhan, the Vice-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has been handed to the Norwegian Charge d'Affaires (acting on behalf of Great Britain), stating that the Soviet has instructed M. Dvorkovskiy, the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, to go to London to enter into negotiations for the resumption of diplomatic relations.

The Note says that the Soviet believes it to be necessary to establish a durable agreement on controversial questions in the shortest possible time.

Equal Treatment.

M. Karakhan expresses the opinion that such an agreement is possible only through equal treatment on both sides and the maintenance of mutual dignity and respect.

The Soviet accepts the rights and obligations of States in diplomatic relations between them so long as the Government of Great Britain accepts these rights and obligations.

The Soviet understands that the British Government's Note merely proposes a preliminary exchange of views solely on the question of procedure and believes that such negotiation may be concluded in a very short space of time.

Claims Against Russia.

London, July 23. Answering a question in the Commons regarding the amount which the Soviet Government, as successors to the Russian Imperial Government, owe to British investors, Mr. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, said the capital amount of bonds, in sterling and roubles, of Russian State Loans, Guaranteed Railway Loans, and loans of municipalities and other institutions in respect of which claims had been lodged with the Russian Claims Department, was approximately £41,000,000 and roubles, 242,000,000.

He had no doubt that in any negotiations for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia the question of getting some payment of the amounts due, or at least, some recognition of the debts, would be borne in mind by his colleagues in the Cabinet.

British Government Attacked.

Riga, July 23. Following the call for a General Strike throughout the world "in protest against the Imperialist pressure on Russia, namely the seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railway," the Moscow Government have issued a long list of instructions and slogans prescribed by the Communist International and the Communist Party in Russia.

The strike is to take the form of a "great revolutionary battle review" and the Communists of all countries are urged to arm the masses for a great "Red Day" and to organise to fight against "pacific illusions," particularly as personified by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Government which "is screening preparations for a new war."

Red Slogans.

The slogans suggested for the banners of the demonstrators include:

"Down with the League of Nations!"

"Down With Pacifism!"

"Hail the Armed Revolt!"

It is urged that demonstrations and political strikes should begin, if possible, before August 1st, and continue thereafter.

EXPLOSION ON THE "VINDICTIVE."

E.R.A. KILLED AND STOKERS BADLY INJURED.

DETONATOR BURSTS.

London, July 23. An Engine Room Artificer was killed and two stokers were seriously injured as the result of an explosion on board H.M.S. Vindictive at Chatham this morning.

No further details are contained in the Admiralty announcement of the tragedy, but these may be available later.

Later.

It is now learned that H.M.S. Vindictive was unloading ammunition, when a detonator burst.

The Engine Room Artificer was terribly injured on the chest and arms, taking the full force of the explosion, and he died of his wounds in hospital soon after the accident.

The two stokers were badly hurt, but it is learned that both are making satisfactory progress.

H.M.S. Vindictive is the flagship of the Rear-Admiral Commanding the Second Cruiser Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet. She came to China in 1926 and remained on the Station, with Fifth Cruiser Squadron, until 1927.

She was sent East specially by the Admiralty in connexion with the serious developments in China. She had a curious experience. Started as a cruiser to be called H.M.S. Cavendish, she was altered and delivered as an aircraft-carrier. Afterwards, she was reconstructed into a cruiser.

GALLANT BRITISH SOLDIERS.

CHASE AFTER TWO ARMED ROBBERIES RECALLED.

COMMENDED BY G.O.C.

Courageous action on the part of two British soldiers serving in Tientsin is described in the latest issue of local Command Orders, which state:

"The General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China wishes to bring to the notice of all ranks the gallant conduct of No. 2307806 C.Q.M.S. (Foreman of Signals), C.W. Goodridge, M.M., and No. 5485627, Acting Lance Corporal F. Fullbrook, M.F.P., at Tientsin on the night of June 6-7.

"On hearing the firing of shots and the sounding of police whistles, the above-mentioned soldiers left their respective beds and proceeded in the direction of Derby Road where they came saw three Chinese fugitives, two of whom were armed, running in the vicinity of the British Military Hospital.

"C.Q.M.S. Goodridge and Acting Lance Corporal Fullbrook gave chase and the former succeeded in capturing one of the fugitives who was, however, subsequently rescued by his accomplices. Acting Lance Corporal Fullbrook continued the chase but was unfortunately shot through the right thigh.

"The General Officer Commanding commends the above-mentioned Non-Commissioned Officers for their courage in exposing themselves to such grave personal risks in the interests of justice and directs that the incident be recorded in accordance with the King's Regulations."

TRAMWAY BUS SERVICES.

NO CHANGES BEING MADE AT PRESENT.

A report that Hongkong Tramway, Ltd., would to-day inaugurate a bus service between the City and Quarry Bay was denied by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, General Manager of the Company, this morning. He said his attention had been called to the report, which first appeared in a vernacular newspaper.

Up to the present time there has been no change in the bus service, that which has been in operation for some time remaining as usual. Mr. Bellamy added that if it was decided to inaugurate a new service or make changes in the existing one then the Company would make an announcement in the ordinary way through the medium of the Press.

DISTRESS IN COAL FIELDS.

GOVERNMENT PLAN TO AVERT REPETITION.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED.

SALES ORGANISATION.

The widespread distress in the coalfields last winter and the critical position of the mining industry has been actively engaging the attention of the Government, which has been in constant consultation with the miners and the coal-owners since they came into power.

Legislation is now proposed which will effect a reorganisation of the industry, though the full details have not been worked out. A Bill is to be introduced in the Autumn Session.

No Subsidy.

London, July 23. Stating that he was unable to anticipate the precise terms of the legislation proposed, but making it quite clear that there would be no question of a subsidy, Mr. W. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, made a statement in the House of Commons to-day concerning the Government's intentions regarding the coal-mining industry.

He pointed out that in formulating their decision, the Government had had the advantage of several consultations with the Miners' Federation and representatives of the coalowners.

As a result, legislation dealing with the hours of work and other factors in the coal industry would be introduced during the Autumn Session.

In the intervening months, the Government would be in regular consultation with the Miners' Federation as to the terms of that legislation. Representatives of the coalowners, whom the Government met yesterday, were informed that the Government desired the owners to develop the organisation of the district marketing arrangements, and a central scheme for co-ordinating the activities of the district organisations.

Important Powers.

In the legislation to be introduced, the Government would take powers to enable them, if necessary, to compel a colliery owner to conform to the rules of the district organisation inaugurated with approval of the owners of the collieries producing the majority of the output of the district.

Central Authority.

The Government would also take power to enable them to initiate a scheme in any district which failed to constitute an organisation having the approval of the majority, and would take similar power to set up a central co-ordinating authority if one were not constituted voluntarily.

The owners had also been invited to remain in constant consultation with the Government as to the terms of the projected legislation.

Seven Hour Day.

It is stated in political circles that the Government intend to revert to the seven-hour day in the mines by easy stages. Apparently the plan is to introduce a seven and half hour day by the end of this year, and to reach a seven-hour day by the time that the eight hours Act expires in 1931.

American Airman's Mishap.

Detroit, July 23. The airman, Schlee, who flew from Detroit to Tokyo, via Europe, two years ago, has met with a serious accident.

He was struck with the propeller of an aeroplane, resulting in the fracture of his skull.

Skull Fractured by Plane Propeller.

The team to defend the Davis Cup against the American challenge, a contest which starts on Friday, has been selected as follows:

Jean Borotra.
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The absence from the list of Rene Lacoste is not explained. Americans will be represented by Tilden, Allison, Van Ryn and Lott.

MUI TSAI ISSUE IN COMMONS.

H.K. GOVERNOR AGAINST REGISTRATION.

HOME DECISION LATER.

London, July 23. The mui-tsai question was again raised in the House of Commons to-day, when Viscountess Astor asked a question on the subject.

In reply, Mr. William Lunn, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said it had not been thought advisable so far to bring Part III of the Hongkong Ordinance, abolishing mui-tsai, into operation.

This was mainly because the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), with full knowledge of the problem, was convinced that registration and regulation of wages could not be made effective in the circumstances which had continuously existed in recent years in Hongkong.

Lord Passfield, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was said Mr. Lunn, carefully considering the whole problem, and a statement of the position and of his own policy would be forthcoming shortly.

The Ordinance referred to was passed in 1923, but Part III has been held in suspense. This Part provides for the registration, remuneration, inspection and control of all mui-tsai.

The registration contemplated is to take place in the case of mui-tsai already employed within six months of the coming into operation of Part III, whilst anyone bringing mui-tsai into the Colony after the operation of this section must register within two weeks of arrival.

It is also provided that all mui-tsai over the age of ten years shall be entitled to such wages for her services as may be prescribed.

AMERICA'S ARMY EXPENSES.

GREATER THAN THOSE OF ANY OTHER NATION.

REDUCTIONS URGED.

Washington, July 23. On the ground that the "purely military expenses of the United States are greater than those of any other nation" and that there is less danger of war now than in any period during the last half-century, President Hoover has decided to appoint a Military Commission, composed of officers of the General Staff, to investigate.

They will be asked to find means to curtail military expenditure.

President Hoover, in announcing his decision, pointed out that the military outlay in 1933 at the present rate of progress will be \$2,800,000,000, an increase of \$120,000,000 over last year.

He added that, this compared with an average pre-war expenditure for both army and navy of \$266,000,000.

The possibility of tax reduction largely depended on the ability to curtail military and naval expenditure, and President Hoover said he considered that the national situation was modified by the Kellogg Pact.

He also hoped for economy through a naval disarmament agreement, this being interpreted as referring to the possibility of an Anglo-American naval agreement.

FRENCH TEAM FOR THE DAVIS CUP.

RENE LACOSTE'S NAME IS MISSING.

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PLEA FOR BETTER PICTURES.

COMPLAINT AT CINEMA CO. MEETING.

CALLED "INSULT TO ONE'S INTELLIGENCE."

COST OF "TALKIES."

A plea for better pictures was made by Mr. C. Mancini, one of the shareholders, at the eighth annual meeting of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., held to-day. Mr. Mancini said some of the pictures shown were "appalling" and "an insult to one's intelligence."

To these and other points raised, the Chairman (Mr. James H. Backhouse) replied.

Reference was also made at the meeting to the "Talkies." Mr. Backhouse said that the Directors had considered this new development, and pointed out that the installation of the apparatus would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. He further added that if the Company gave way to the film producers, talking films would cost four or five times as much as silent films, notwithstanding the fact that the latter had been increasing in cost from 10 to 20 per cent. each year.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I have pleasure in bringing before you the report for the year's working of Hongkong Amusements, Limited. The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, having been in your hands for over a week, I propose to follow the usual custom and take them as read.

Before proposing the adoption of these accounts, I will give you a few explanations, but many will not be necessary considering the result is so satisfactory. You have noticed, however, that our profit for the year, after providing for the usual depreciation, amounts to \$109,740.16 which is about \$2,000 less than the previous year, which, together with the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$161,692.92. The legal reserve of \$5 per cent. is being appropriated as usual. We recommend to place \$50,000 to Central Reserve, i.e., \$10,000 more than the previous year. The bonus to staff is practically the same amount as for the previous year and is to be distributed at the discretion of the Managing Director and I am quite sure you will agree that they have deserved this appreciation of their services.

It is also proposed to declare a dividend of \$2 per share on preferred ordinary shares which means \$1 per share on deferred ordinary shares, according to the Memorandum of Association, plus a bonus on all shares of 50 cents which really means a return of 25 per cent. on the preferred ordinary shares. This now leaves a balance of \$47,115.91 to be carried forward to the credit of the next account, or roughly \$4,000 less than the previous figure.

Directors' Commission.

Turning now to Profit and Loss Account, you will notice an item "Directors' Commission." This was described in this manner by our auditors. I do not think they ought to allow such a description to pass, as it gives an impression that your ordinary Directors are receiving commission. These commissions consist of Managing Directors' commission allotted to them under the usual terms of their arrangements with the Company.

Since the end of October we have only had one Managing Director. This has thrown more work upon the Chairman, and your Directors in consideration of this, decided that a part of the ordinary commissions paid to Managing Directors should be paid to the Chairman as consideration for the extra work done. The total amount of commissions are practically the same for the previous year.

Turning now to the balance sheet, you will notice in the various reserves an amount of \$114,556.91. Sundry creditors amount to \$159,546.41, the larger part of which is for films and film.

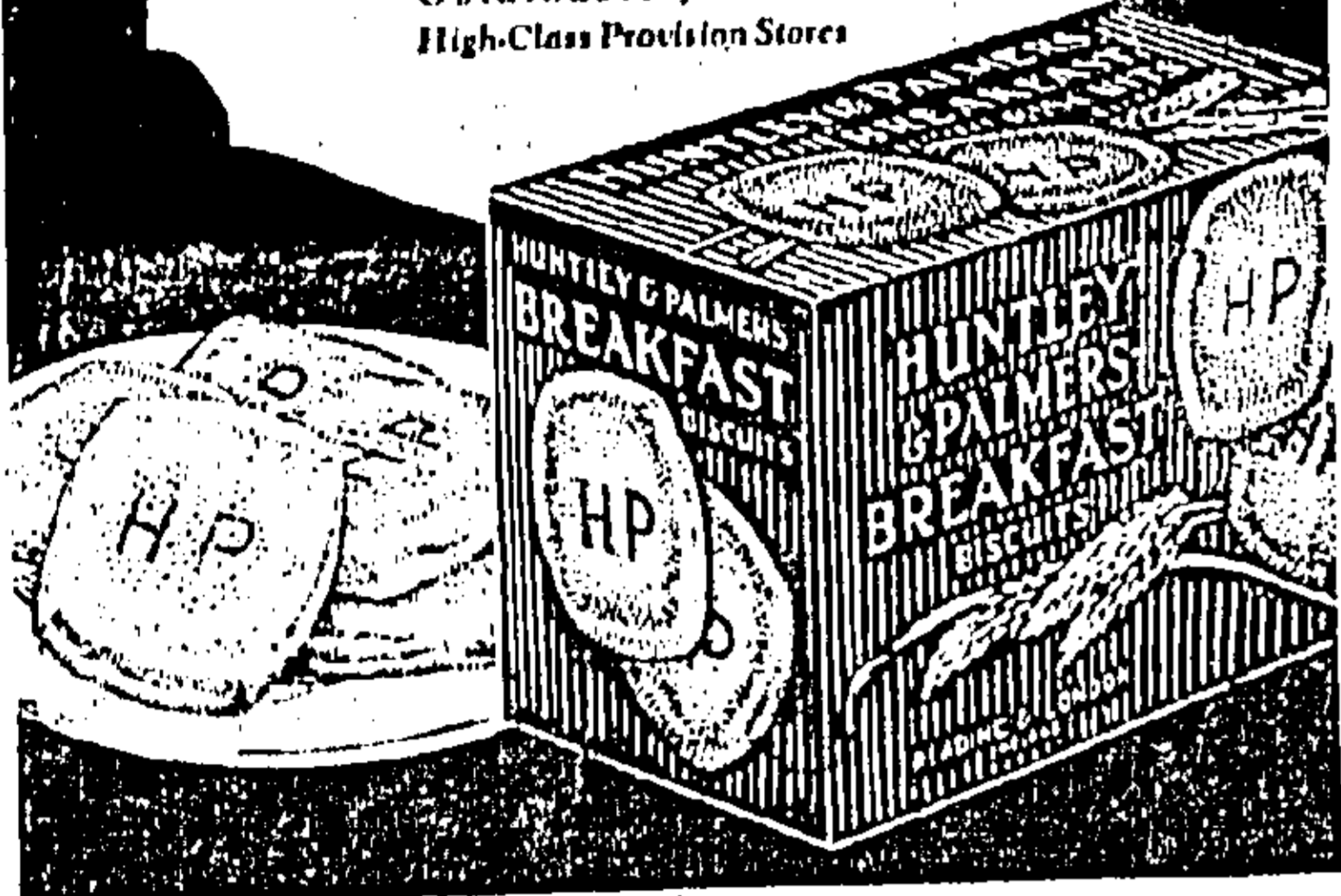
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HONGKONG.

TYPHOID OUTBREAK DISCUSSED.

INCIDENCE NO GREATER THAN
LAST YEAR.

"DON'T GET SCARED."

The incidence of notified cases is, so far, no less or no greater than the same period last year. The widespread use of doubtful water, open to pollution, increases the risks which are normally present in the Colony. An epidemic of infectious disease would be far more difficult to control under conditions such as exist at the moment, said the Medical Officer of Health at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board when he answered questions dealing with the present incidence of typhoid fever in Hongkong. Dr. Fawcett's remarks were, on the whole, reassuring, but he pointed out the risks still existing and described the methods by which the disease was spread. The questions asked stood in the name of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, who was not present at the meeting owing to a bereavement in his family. They were then asked in the name of Mr. T. N. Chan.

The questions and the replies given by the Medical Officer of Health were as follows:

Is it his opinion that an increase in the number of cases of typhoid fever is imminent?

I can only repeat what I have already said in the Press that it is my duty, as M.O.H., to anticipate all possible events affecting public health and to act on the assumption that even the most unlikely may happen. It is my policy to be prepared but not to prophesy or raise alarms.

A motto summarising preventive medicine might be "Suspect, Inspect, Protect."

I am prepared to say only that this is the season when typhoid is most prevalent (May to September) in Hongkong; that the incidence of notified cases is, so far, no less or no greater than the same period last year; that the widespread use of doubtful water, open to pollution, increases the risks which are normally present in the Colony and that an epidemic of infectious disease would be far more difficult to control under the conditions such as exist at the moment.

Tracing the Cases.

Has the trace of the source of infection of the first case?

It is not clear whether this question refers to the first case this year or not. The disease is endemic here and sporadic cases occur all the year round.

If the first case in January, 1929, is meant, I must reply "No."

In any case, with the many potential sources of infection in this Colony, it is unlikely we could trace one case to any particular origin. With a large series of cases even, it is by no means easy to find the common factor. We seldom get a clear or accurate history—especially of the Chinese cases. It is a vague disease with a gradual onset, a fairly long incubation period and difficult to diagnose in the earlier stages. Several weeks may elapse between the "catching" and the notification; cause and effect get dissociated and many cases are mis-identified altogether.

It must also be remembered that there are many vectors of enteric fever besides water. One source may start an epidemic but it spreads by varied means, of which flies and human "carriers" may be ones of importance. There is, in fact, only one cause (the typhoid bacillus) but many agents for propagation.

European Cases.

Was infection in the case of the late Mr. Buchanan of Shek-O and Mr. Whyte of the Peninsula Hotel caused by the drinking of well water?

For the reasons given in answer to question two, I am not in a position to give a definite reply.

In the case of the late Mr. Buchanan, the information was second hand and scanty but it

appears that he ate uncooked vegetables from his garden at Shek-O. Human excreta were possibly used without his knowledge, as fertilisers.

Recent analyses of the regular water supplies at Shek-O suggest no serious pollution but we know that the septic tank sewage disposal there is far from ideal and that at least one of these tanks drains into a stream from which the nearby native villagers have obtained water.

For many reasons the conditions in this Colony are ideal for the maintenance of typhoid. Daily domestic contact with people who are often of primitive and unhygienic habits establishes the cycle. The Chinese cook-boy, even, is always a possible "carrier." The typhoid chain has many links.

The Mr. Whyte mentioned was not notified as a case of typhoid but was certified as dying from appendicitis.

I have no doubt that the member intended to refer to Mr. Cassart, who lived at the Peninsula Hotel. Inquiries have been made but I have not been able to ascertain any source from which he might have contracted the disease. I have no doubt that the food was above reproach but of course he might have got some outside. I do not know his movements and under those conditions it is impossible to tell how the infection was carried. I am told that he was fond of oysters and shellfish but whether he took any or not I do not know.

Wells and the Disease.

Prior to the recent general opening of wells, were there any cases of typhoid fever reported this year?

It is difficult to say exactly when the general opening of wells started but, if we take it as the middle of June, there were 68 notified cases previous to June 15, this year. Of these 18 were non-Chinese and 50, Chinese. Imported cases (12) are not included.

What are the statistics of typhoid fever for the last five years ending June, 1929, relating to the following localities. The City of Victoria, the Peak residential area, Pokfulam, outlying district in the Island of Hongkong, Tsimsatsui and Kowloon City?

I have prepared the figures asked for in table form. They are taken from the notification of diseases register and, for the sake of simplicity, shown as whole years. The period of 1929, January to June, is shown separately. Imported cases are not shown and all nationalities are added together.

There are some fallacies, however, of which I have mentioned one; the difficulty of diagnosis and missed cases.

In addition, it must be pointed out that these district figures are of very little comparative value. They are based on addresses given on the notification forms and the very uncertain reported movements of the native population. Moreover, it does not follow that the locality where the patient is taken ill is the same as that where the disease was contracted, some 12 days previously.

The danger of typhoid, from a public health point of view, lies in this very difficulty of tracing and controlling it.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.

Districts	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	Yearly Total.
Victoria	137	81	103	141	117	579
Peak	16	3	0	9	2	30
Pokfulam	3	1	0	0	0	4
Villages of Hongkong etc.	14	12	14	16	19	75
Tsimsatsui	22	3	3	21	7	56
Kowloon City	2	1	1	8	6	18
Total Cases	194	101	121	195	151	762

Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers from 1st January to June 30, 1929.

Victoria	37
Peak	4
Pokfulam	Nil
Villages of Hongkong	6
Tsimsatsui	6
Kowloon City	3

Is Kowloon City, where the supply of water is mainly from wells, more infected than any other locality?

According to the scanty figures from Kowloon City the answer is "No," but we must remember that this is a rural population, entirely native, and mostly immune to the ill effects of a water supply which has been in use there for many generations.

It cannot be compared with a mixed and fluctuating population in a modernised city, which requires ever-increasing precautionary measures to combat the evils and dangers which it, itself, creates.

We are not taking routine samples at present of well-water in Kowloon City.

My general impression is that the people there are surprisingly free from these infectious diseases in Kowloon City. It is unlikely that they will remain so when closer contact is established with larger Kowloon.

Bacilli Coli.

What is the percentage of bacilli coli in water to be regarded as dangerous?

It is impossible to lay down any vote or scale on the bacteriological content only. It must be taken in conjunction with the chemical analysis; the source of water; the locality; the geological formation and above all the opportunities of contamination.

This technical matter needs considerable experience and even an expert will hesitate to do more than give a general opinion.

The bacillus coli is merely an indicator of sewage or animal contamination, harmless in itself, but a warning if found in large numbers.

The usual standard of purity aimed at is no B. coli in 10 c.c. of shallow well water. Suspicion of a pollution rises in proportion as the amount of water, from which this bacterium can be cultured, diminishes.

Knowing the average B. coli content of untreated sewage, we can draw up a table to show the presumed excremental contamination of any sample. Thus B. coli present in 0.1 c.c., but not in 0.01 c.c., might represent pollution with 0.01% of sewage.

The bacillus of typhoid, itself, is difficult to isolate from ordinary water supplies.

NO SIGNS OF EPIDEMIC.

Dr. Fawcett Describes How the Disease is Carried.

Dr. Fawcett added that he did not want the water shortage crisis to be the starting point of a typhoid scare. So far there were no signs of epidemic. The number of cases this year was more or less the same as last year but at the same time should an epidemic arise it would be a serious matter and no doubt the risks were increased at the present moment.

There were many ways in which typhoid could spread but, there was only one cause. The active bacilli had to be transferred. It could be transferred by flies but there the method was different. The flies would have to pick the bacilli from infected excreta and carry it to food. The germ made its way to the intestinal tract usually by way of the mouth.

Typhoid was a difficult disease for even medical men to tackle

possible for these people to become carriers, and some passed on the germs without ever having felt ill in their lives. This was dangerous because such people were liable to go to work as cooks in a restaurant and spread the germ by that means.

Infection by Water.

Dr. Fawcett pointed out that the city was generally free from flies which constituted a menace in summer. They were more frequent in the villages such as Pokfulam and Kowloon City where there was more matter in which they could breed. Water was not an over common cause of the spread of the disease but it constituted a very serious means of carriage inasmuch as the water might supply a whole community.

In the case of infected milk or vegetables the consumption might be limited to a certain batch of people and therefore the risk of spread was not so serious. Shellfish was a common cause of direct cases of typhoid, and another cause of an epidemic might be people who left hospital before they were cured and who therefore became carriers.

Open latrines constituted another factor and provided another link in the chain. There was no doubt that a modern water carriage system throughout the town was the best means of avoiding an epidemic.

Symptoms of the Disease.

Dealing with the symptoms of the disease Dr. Fawcett said that the presence of spots did not necessarily indicate typhoid. Sometimes spots did occur some time after the disease had been contracted, but they rarely appeared before the second week of the disease.

It was rather commonly thought that typhoid was ushered in by a violent attack of diarrhoea. In a large number of cases this was not so. On the other hand there might be an attack of constipation. The first symptom was usually a headache and later there came a feeling in the stomach. The earlier symptoms might be those of a cold or of influenza but one invariable thing happened. There was a rise of temperature, in staircase fashion, until the maximum was reached.

Dr. Fawcett added that his remarks would show how vague the symptoms were and how difficult diagnosis was. He concluded his remarks with "Go and consult a doctor if you feel anything wrong. Don't get scared and don't worry."

Incidence Among Chinese.

Dr. W. V. M. Keck spoke of the work about twenty years ago of Dr. Hunter the Government Bacteriologist who devoted much attention to the incidence of typhoid amongst the native population. Dr. Keck said that all bodies in the Mortuary were examined and special attention was paid to children of six or eight months of age. Dr. Keck said he assisted Dr. Hunter in this work and in a large proportion of cases they found signs of typhoid infection, pointing to the fact that the children had had an attack of typhoid.

The inference was that if these children had survived it would have made them immune and the conclusion was reached that typhoid would not occur so readily amongst the Chinese as amongst foreigners as they had acquired immunity.

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I REVERSED THE CHARGES!!

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE



Group taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Miss Noelle Lambert and Captain Paul Martin, of the French gunboat, Altair.



Of special interest to the American community was the wedding at Amoy recently of Miss Doanda Putnam, daughter of the American Consul, and Lt. Comdr. Charles J. Wheeler, U. S. N.



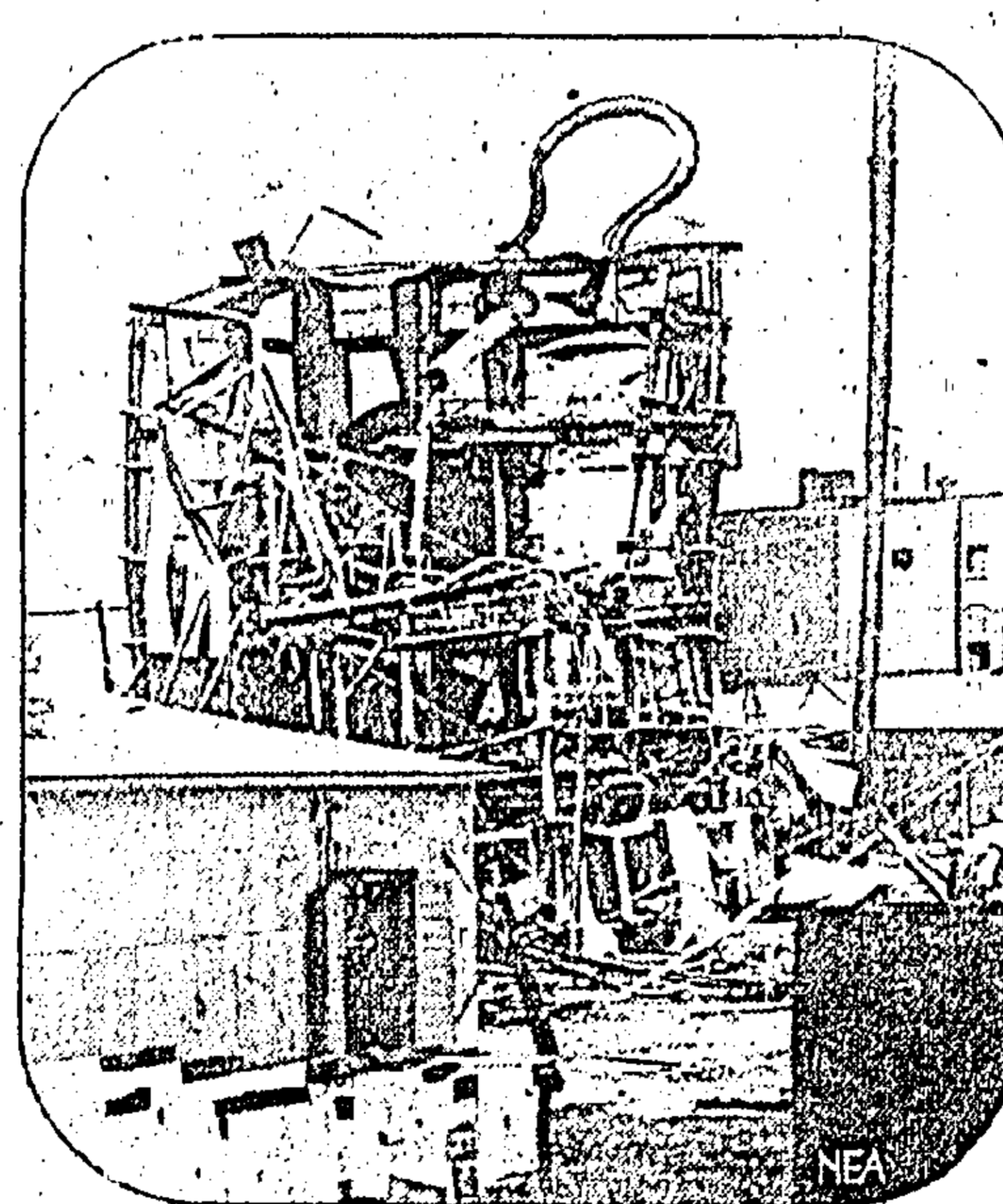
In spite of prohibition, it is still possible to see such things as above in the United States. It is not a mirage, however, the photo being taken at Monkey Island, Washington Park Zoo, Milwaukee.



Taken in the Mediterranean recently, our photo shows Gene Tunney, (who is being sued for \$1,000,000 breach of promise in breach of promise and alienation suits) and George Bernard Shaw, with Mrs. Shaw. The boxer and the satirist playwright are great friends.



Our picture shows Mrs. Wilhelmina Schultz, who is 102 years of age, and who recently flew from Michigan to Benton Harbor, in a plane flown by Mr. Wynn Bradford (above). She is believed to be the oldest person ever to fly.



One was killed and 15 others seriously injured when the boiler of the "secret process plant" of a Grotna, La., oil company exploded mysteriously and shot through the roof to come down through another plant 500 feet away.



Our photo shows a ten-year-old American girl who recently recovered consciousness after 104 days oblivion. She was knocked down by a car, but is expected to recover.

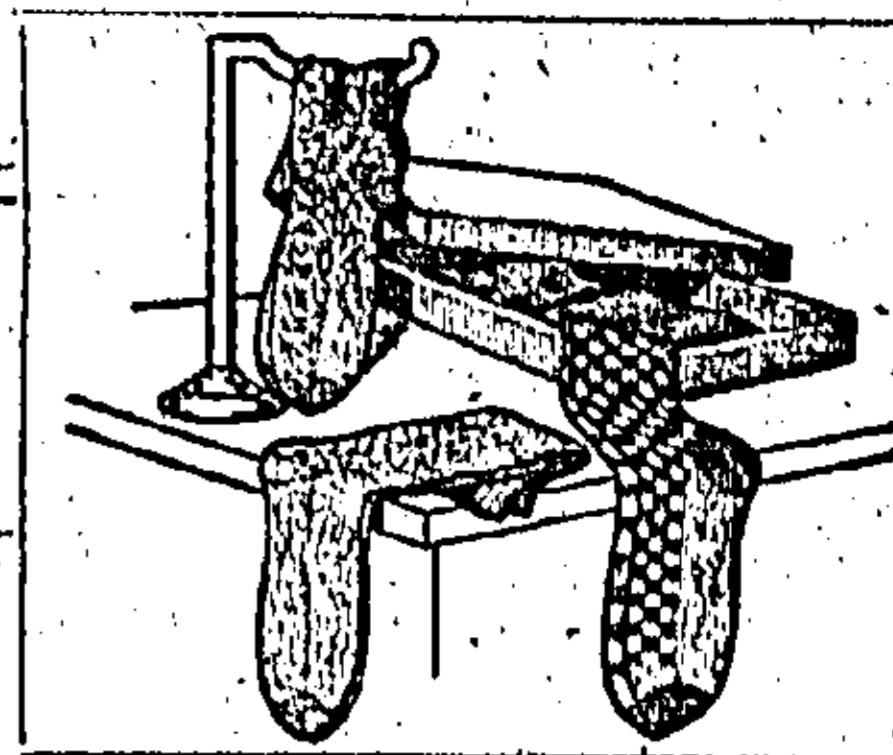


Two German airmen, Gloede (left) and Wenzel, are preparing for an epoch-making flight from Germany to the United States. They will carve out a new route, flying across Siberia and the Pacific Ocean. The journey is to be attempted in the little monoplane shown.



The former Shah of Persia, shown above, has been informed by his medical advisers that he is suffering from an incurable malady. He is only 31 years of age.

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Shanghai and Amoy	Hanyang	July 24.
Europe via Negapatam, (letters London 27th June and parcels 20th June)	Antenor	July 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	Changchow	July 25.
Amoy	Sidhanna	July 25.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 28th June)	Sawa Maru	July 26.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 4th July)	Pres. Monroe	July 27.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Agra	July 28.
Europe via Negapatam, (papers only London 27th June)	Emp. of France	July 28.
Manila	Athos II	July 30.
Saigon	Pres. Jefferson	July 29.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 5th July)	Pres. Grant	July 29.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Portos	July 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	August 2.
U.S.A., (Seattle 13th July) Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	August 2.
Manila	Tanda	August 5.
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For		
Sunshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Wed., July 24, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Benvenue	Wed., July 24, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Nam Sang	Wed., July 24, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia, New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Wed., July 24, 5 p.m.
	Registration	July 25, 11 a.m.
	Letters	July 25, 11 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs., July 25, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Ka Hing	Thurs., July 25, 11 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Thurs., July 25, 11 a.m.
	Parcels	Thurs., July 25, 11 a.m.
	Letters	Thurs., July 25, 11 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., July 25, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Liangchow	Thurs., July 25, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tibetank	Thurs., July 25, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Ten	Fri., July 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Halching	Fri., July 26, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Liungchow	Fri., July 26, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sawa Maru	Sat., July 27, 8.30 a.m.
	Registration	July 26, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	July 26, 4.30 a.m.
	G.P.O.	July 26, 4.30 a.m.
	Registration	July 27, 8.45 a.m.
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Java via Batavia	Tjitaroon	Sat., July 27, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Monroe	Sat., July 27, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., July 27, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hezan Maru	Sun., July 28, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., July 28, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Agapenor	Sun., July 28, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Mishima Maru	Mon., July 29, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Changechow	Mon., July 29, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., July 29, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Mon., July 29, 3 p.m.
	Registration	Mon., July 29, 4.15 p.m.
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Haiphong	Tonkin	Tues., July 30, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Athos II	Tues., July 30, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Hai Ning	Tues., July 30, 2 p.m.
Port Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Portos	Tues., July 30, 2 p.m.
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	G.P.O.	Tues., July 30, 1 p.m.
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	Letters	Tues., July 30, 1.45 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Tues., July 30, 1.45 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Grant	Tues., July 30, 4.30 p.m.
Holhow	Kwei Yang	Wed., July 31, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Wed., July 31, 8.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Wed., July 31, 8.30 a.m.
	Letters	Wed., July 31, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Sun Ning	Wed., July 31, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Yuenwang	Wed., July 31, 5 p.m.
Straits	Cramer	Thurs., Aug. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Huiyang	Fri., Aug. 2, 1 p.m.
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is reported to have done. Officials maintain the correct attitude of awaiting official information and decline to discuss unofficial intimations. Japan has been diplomatically slighted in a situation in which her interest is the greatest among the powers.

"An Unfortunate Form."

Nevertheless private opinions heard in well-informed quarters are that the Washington demarche has taken an unfortunate form if it is true Japan was insufficiently consulted in advance.

Official mystification has been increased by Moscow press despatches, stating that the Soviet has rejected the "French offer of mediation," but denying the receipt of any communication from America. Ambassador Debuch's report of Monday's conversation with Mr. Stimson has not been received.

The Chinese Minister conferred with Baron Shidehara this morning, and later a representative of the American Embassy called at the Foreign Office.

It is authoritatively learned that the commander of the Japanese garrison in Manchuria has instructed the South Manchuria Railway to refuse to transport Chinese troops and munitions, and also not to permit Chinese troops to pass through the railway zone, unless they are unarmed, at the discretion of the local Japanese commanders.

Mr. A. B. Field, of Manchester, was awarded two medals at the Convention of the U.S. Institute of Electrical Engineers.

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Washington, June 25.
Today, before proceeding to the White House, the four members of the recent Reparations gathering in Paris visited the State Department.

They stayed over an hour.

Mr. Stimson, the Secretary of State, later said his discussion

with the four was informal, and extended far beyond the scope of the Experts' Report.

They did not (Mr. Stimson said) specifically mention the Annex to the Report concerning possible cancellation of war debts owed to the United States.

But it was believed that Mr. Owen Young and his colleagues had made some informal estimate regarding the likelihood of existing debt settlements requiring change in the future.—E.S.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Neurotic Tiny Tots.

[By a Nurse.]

Billy at four years old is a terror. The entire household dread his screaming fits. They have scolded, coaxed, and spanked in vain.

Yet a holiday amongst strangers and a changed diet would effect a cure. It is a simple case of neurosis which in children takes the form of bad behaviour.

The conscientious nurse knows that whipping is both foolish and dangerous. She is always on the alert for danger symptoms.

Some of the most obvious are sudden trembling, flushing and paling, objectionable habits and deliberate self-inflicted pain.

Delicate children and those who are physically or mentally over-developed need careful watching. They are easily tired and liable to mental fatigue.

Emotional and nervous children also expend a terrific amount of energy in their work and play.

Simple Suggestion.

On no account let toddlers get over-excited. Do not give them in charge of a strident-voiced or highly-strung person. They are extremely sensitive and susceptible to "atmosphere."

Now comes the important question of sleep. Children up to eight years old need at least twelve hours with a midday rest after lunch.

Always open the nursery window. Make sure that the bed-clothes are light and warm. Do not go into the room with an unshaded light, and make the least possible noise.

A light meal before bed-time induces sound sleep. A warm bath is beneficial because it brings the blood to the surface of the skin and soothes the nerves.

Wrong feeding is responsible for many nervous complaints in children. Go thoroughly into this question. Make sure that the diet is well balanced, appetising, and nourishing. If you are at all uneasy, consult your doctor.

He will probably make you out a chart. You will then be sure that your little one is getting the right food to supply heat and energy, to repair waste and build you up a bonny baby.

Finally if the little nursery occupants are irritable, try and give them a change. Make it a change of scene or interest.



Two interesting versions of the blouse vogue: the first, in pale lemon lawn, is daintily adorned with rows of hem-stitching and finished with a narrow black velvet ribbon tie en suite with the belt; the hat is decorated with coloured raffia embroideries. The second model, in pale green crepe de chine, is simply trimmed with narrow tucks, a turnover collar, and a dark green ribbon tie; this hat also is embroidered in raffia.

A Bad Habit.

THE WOMAN WHO PITIES HERSELF.

Long ago she got into that bad habit of seeing herself as a victim of destiny, as one from whom little can be expected because so very little has been given. She excuses herself from effort of any kind, from any attempt to widen her imaginative reach or to deepen her sympathies by saying always, in effect, "There is no one so sad as I am. Look elsewhere for your comfort or your inspiration. To me you are merely a person who has more happiness than I have. You surely do not expect me to interest myself in your troubles or disappointments." So gradually her track narrows till at last, it is nearly true that she is sadder than anyone else!

Self Pity.

The beginnings of self-pity are found in resentment against other people who do not think so well of us as we feel that they should, or against life which has given us so little and others—no better in any way than we are—so much. The woman who has been beaten on both these points and who has sunk into apathy needs counselling, not by scolding, still less, perhaps, by sympathy, but by the stimulating of her vanity, the perfectly natural, legitimate vanity, by which we all partly live.

Ignore her lamentations, forgive her seeming lack of sympathy. Show her where she is valuable. Probably you value her in some way or you would not be interested in her. Let her see that her opinion matters to you. Lift her out of herself, if only for a while, by the sheer force of your own spontaneous recognition of beauty in the world and in human nature. She will accompany you on your flight if you take it for granted that she can and will. Gradually she will see self-pity for the silly, limiting thing it is and will be able to breathe better in the larger spaces of experience. And you will have a stronger and more lovable friend.

Insect Bites.

HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THEM.

In spite of the fact that gnats and mosquitoes frequently cause much trouble and discomfort, their unwelcome attentions can be overcome to a large extent by the use of various preventive lotions.

Hydrogen peroxide is particularly useful for keeping these summer foes away. Wipe your feet and legs with the peroxide, and allow it to become quite dry before putting on your stockings.

Another preventive, which is also most beneficial, is pyrethrum. The flowering tops must be crushed to a very fine powder preparatory to mixing with a simple toilet powder, in the proportion of one part of the toilet powder to three parts of the pyrethrum. This may be rubbed on the skin or sprinkled on the clothes.

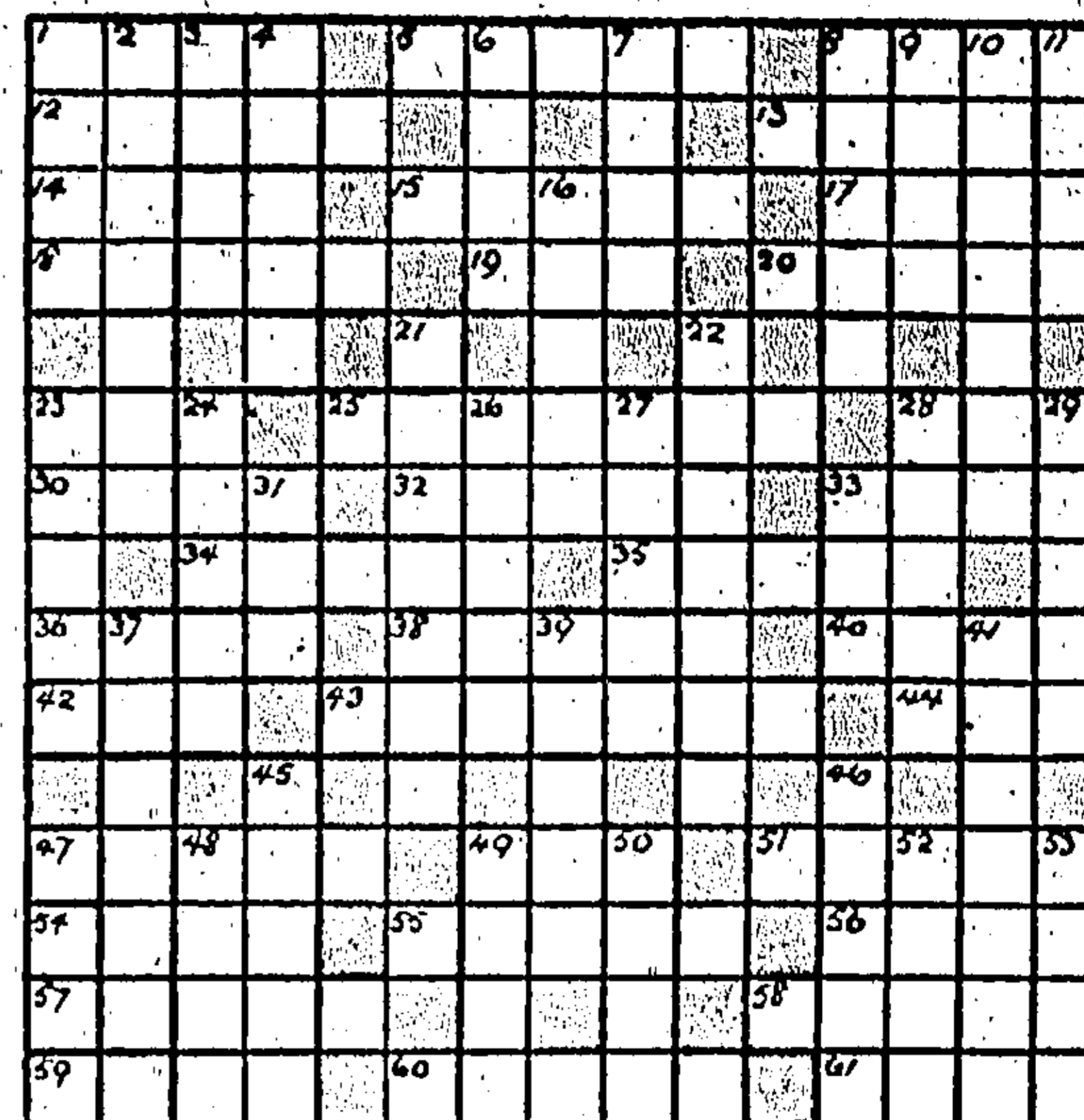
All insects dislike strong smells. Consequently, some measure of protection is afforded by anointing the arms and legs with strong-smelling substances such as camphor, oil of geranium, or oil of eucalyptus. The same principle underlies the protection of the house. For instance, a saucer of sponge containing a little oil of eucalyptus will keep a room quite immune from insects.

When insect bites occur, however, there is no better cure than to treat them with carbonate of soda. Moisten the skin, and then sprinkle it with the powder until the part attacked is entirely covered. Bathing with strong liquid ammonia, slightly diluted is an effective alternative.

In the case of persistent irritation, it is an excellent plan to sponge the bites with a little liquid solution of coal tar. If this remedy is not at hand, ordinary salt water may be used instead.

Sore places caused by continual scratching must on no account be neglected, as there is always a risk of infection. Bathe the affected part with warm boracic lotion, and complete the operation by dressing with boracic cream on a piece of lint.

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43 Called upon.
44 Obscure.
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56 Native of Denmark.
57 Knot.
58 Coins.
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I'M ALONE: STEP TO ARBITRATION.

CANADIAN MINISTER TO MEET MR. STIMSON.

Washington, June 27.

A definite step forward towards the settlement of the I'm Alone case will be made on Saturday, when the Canadian Minister, Mr. Massey, and Secretary Stimson meet, accompanied by legal advisers. Mr. Massey is making a special journey from Canada, where he is on holiday, to meet the State Secretary.

The long delay has been due to the inability of the American Government to find a suitable arbitrator, and the difficulty of deciding upon what is exactly to be arbitrated. Notes exchanged between the two Governments form the basis for the arbitration, but it is necessary to redraft their substance in legal form as the terms of reference.

It is hoped that the coming arbitration will clear up many obscure points in connexion with the case, such as the exact nature of hot pursuit and the amount of force permissible. If the Canadian and American arbitrators fail to agree, the matter will be referred to the Pecuniary Claims Commission, established by an old

treaty between Britain and the United States, but it is hoped that this eventually will not arise.

Counter-Plea Failure.

Press reports some days ago that a Canadian rum-runner fired on a United States cutter on the Detroit River led to the view of some officials that the case might be worked up to counter-balance the I'm Alone, and a report was asked for by the State Department. This has now been received, but reveals that there is no evidence that the rum-runner was Canadian, and there is a strong suspicion that it was in reality an American boat.

It appears likely, therefore, that the State Department will let the matter drop.

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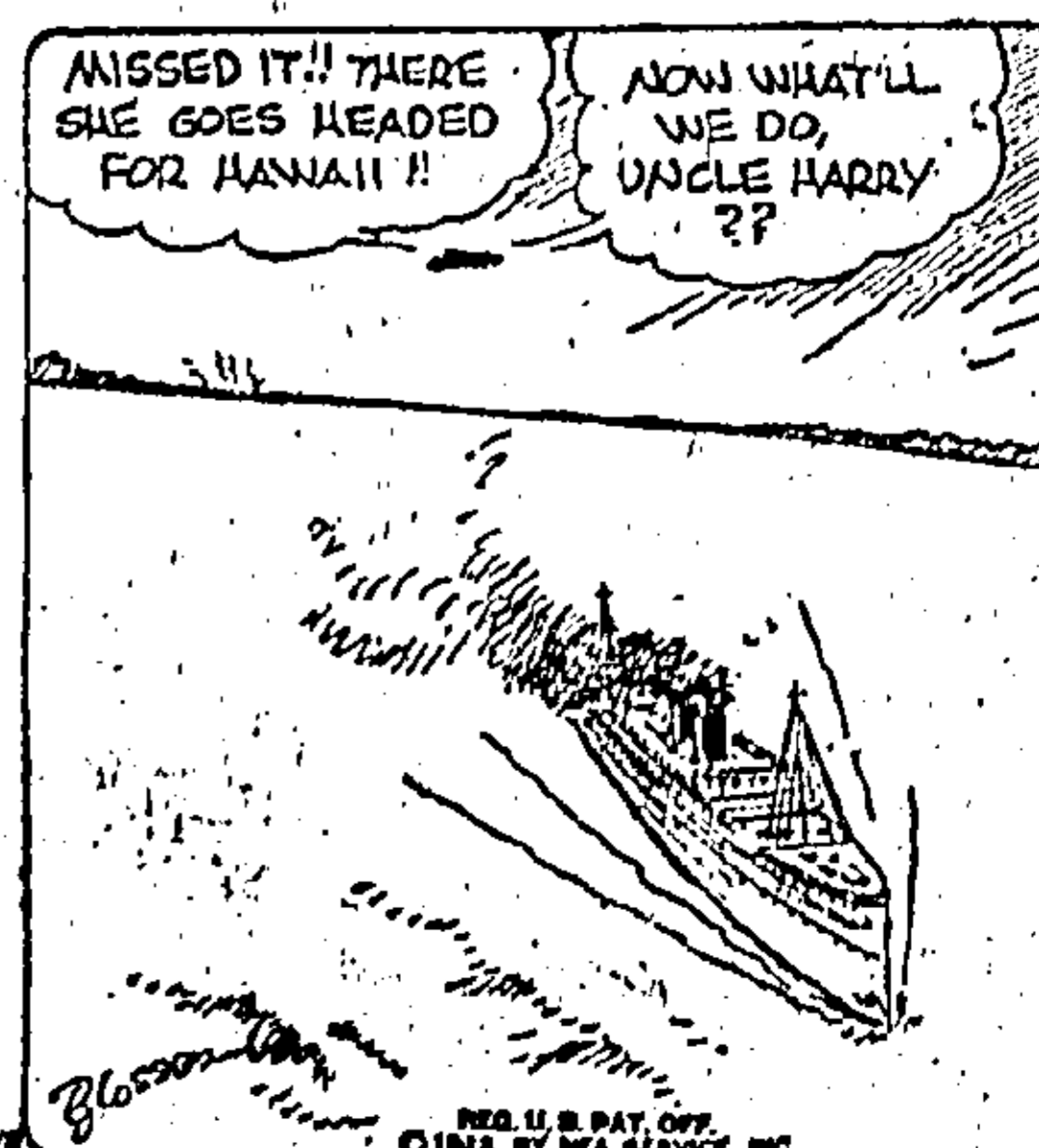
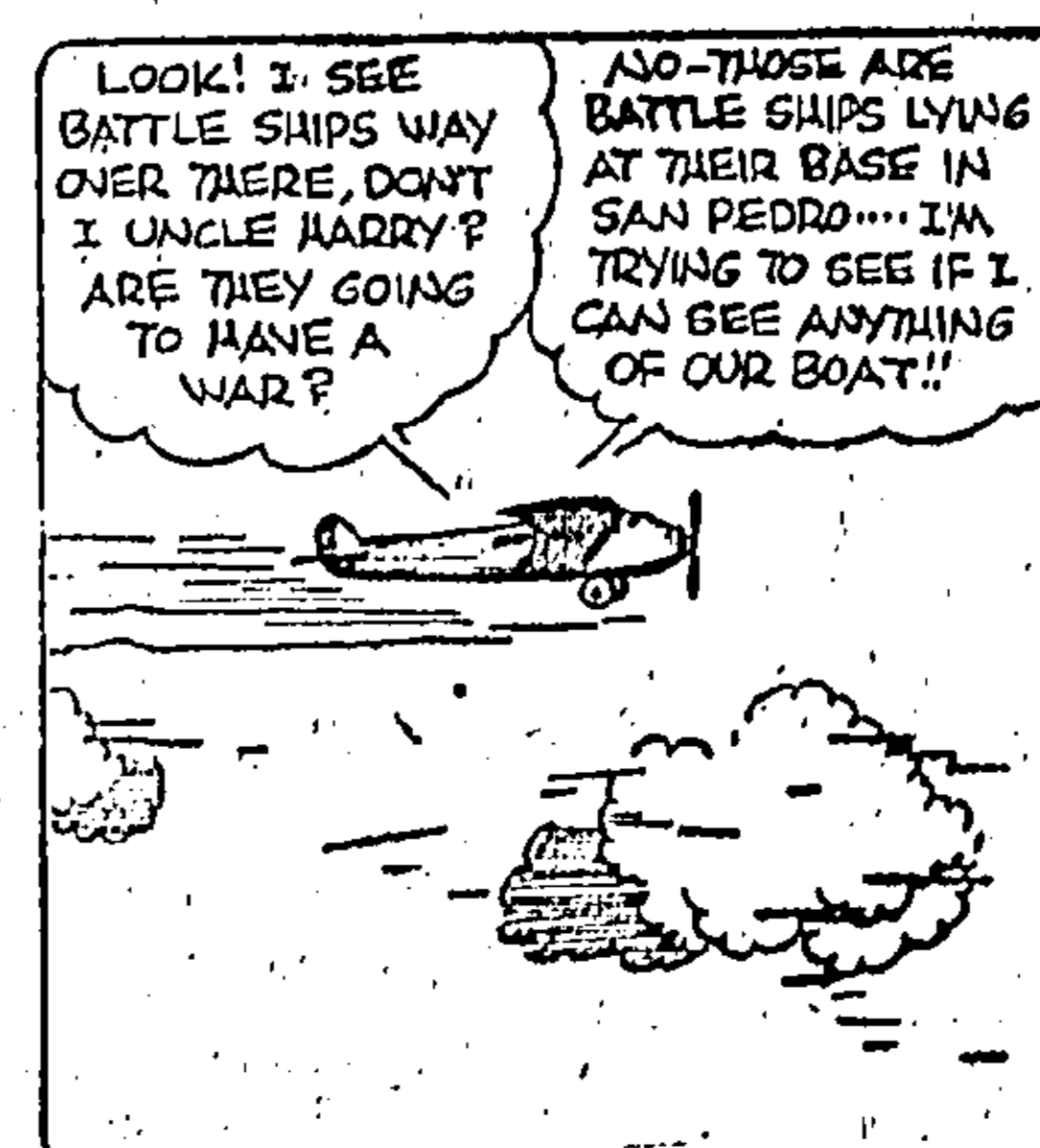
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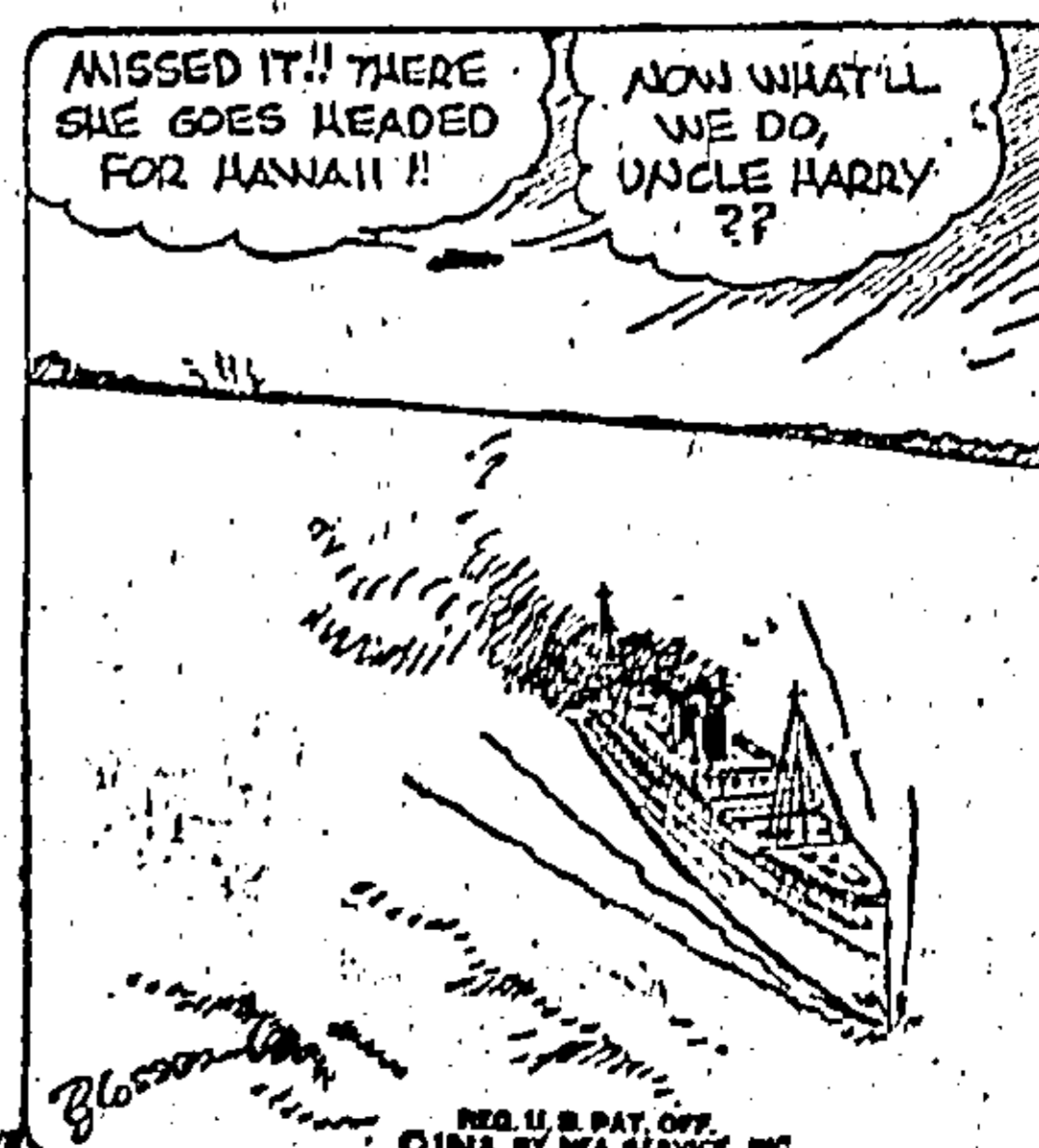
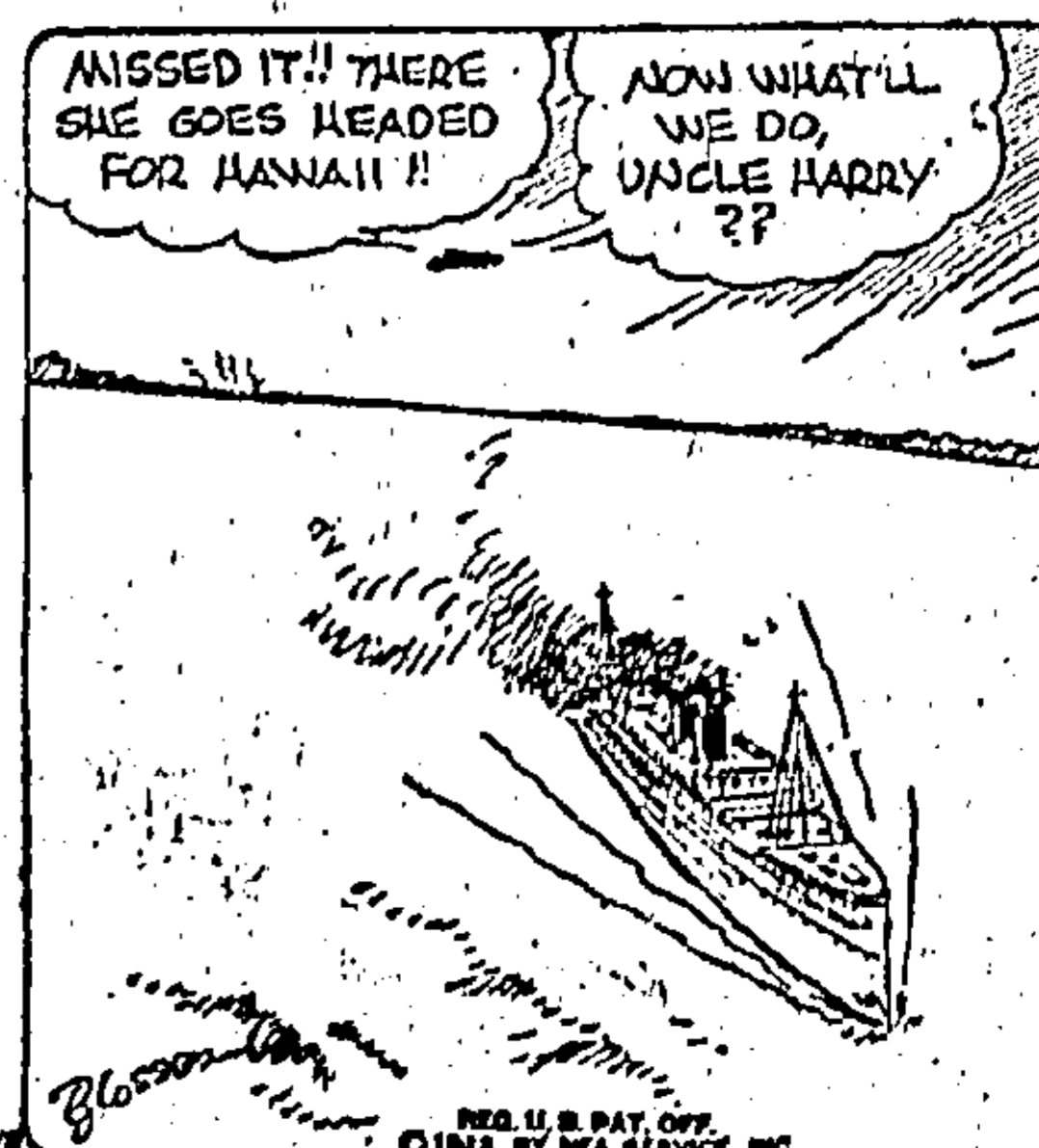
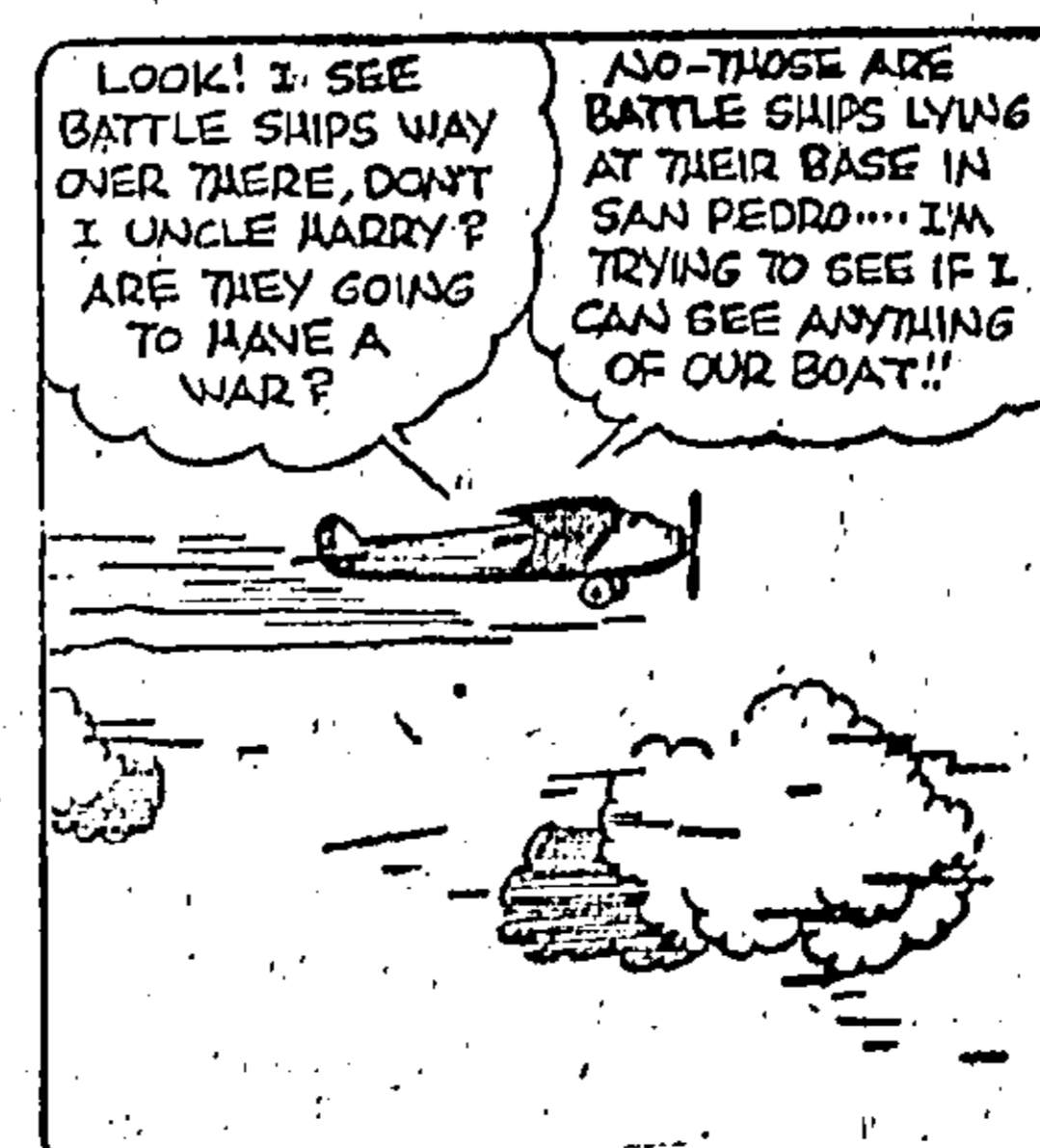
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1929.

CHILD LABOUR.

There will, we think, be general agreement that the Chinese widow who was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour in default of payment, for causing the ill-treatment of a *mut-tai*, got off very lightly. The Magistrate found that whilst the child had been "shamefully overworked," the accused could not be found guilty of "gross cruelty." The evidence appears to uphold him in that contention, but the circumstances of the case were such that we should not have been sorry had the heartless woman been sent to gaol without the option of a fine. Even if she were imprisoned, her lot would, as the Magistrate remarked, be a much easier one than that of the unfortunate young girl during the period in which she put in no less than 10½ hours' work every night for more than two months in succession.

The case raises important considerations in regard to the employment of children in industrial life. It was a fortunate circumstance for the accused that the girl in this instance was just beyond the age at which she could be described as a "child" under the Ordinance, for, lengthy as the hours of labour were, there was no infringement of the law in this regard. A child, according to the terms of the appropriate Ordinance, is a person under the age of 16 years, and such as come within that designation cannot be required to work for more than nine hours in every twenty-four, nor to be employed continuously for more than five hours at a stretch. Neither can a child be required to work in a factory between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. To the case under notice, however, these provisions were not applicable, inasmuch as the girl was over the age-limit. The charges against the accused were that she ill-treated the girl and failed to provide for her as she would for her own daughter. We find ourselves in agreement with Dr. Fawcett, who, in giving evidence in the case, considered that nine hours' work in twenty-four (as allowed by the law) is too much for any child, whether it be continuous employment or otherwise. Moreover, rigorous investigation would probably show that in many instances even this law, bad as it is, is much abused. One point which suggests itself is that

the time has come when not only in regard to "children," as legally defined, but also in regard to young people, especially girls, who do not come within the age-limit, a radical amendment of the law is desirable. There must be a very great deal of "sweated labour" in Chinese industrial establishments in the Colony at present.

There is one gratifying feature about recent *mut-tai* cases, namely, that several of these have been brought into Court as a direct result of complaints made to the police by the victims. This is probably due to a growing recognition on the part of *mut-tai* of their true status in the eyes of the law. There must, however, still be many poor girls who do not know how they stand in this regard, and one of the main aspects of the problem is to devise machinery whereby they may be acquainted with the position. Many of the little girls seen struggling in the streets with heavy buckets of water would, on investigation, probably be found to be *mut-tai*. It might therefore be well if the police made a point of questioning such youngsters as they happen to encounter. In any event, it is distressing to see some of them borne down by their burdens, and, whether they are *mut-tai* or not, in many instances their employers, parents, or guardians could be proceeded against, inasmuch as it is illegal to require any child to carry a load which exceeds forty catties in weight, or which is unreasonably heavy, having regard to the child's age and physical development. This law, we fear, has all too long been permitted to remain very largely a dead letter.

The Atlantic Record.

Inevitably, the Mauretania's long reign as Queen of the Atlantic has come to an end, Germany's challenge to British speed supremacy having proved brilliantly successful. The Bremen more than fulfilled every expectation of her designers, and, we believe, surpassed in performance anything which British shipbuilders were immediately prepared to beat. Her trip from Cherbourg to New York took exactly four days, eighteen hours and seventeen minutes, knocking more than eight hours off the Mauretania's best; while on the last day she covered 713 nautical miles at an average speed of 29.62 knots. It would be a waste of time to discuss the merit of the performance; it is magnificent, and, for the time being at least, Britain will concede the Blue Riband to Germany with the warmest of congratulations. The Mauretania, a much smaller craft, held the record for more than twenty years, capturing it from the German liner, Deutschland, in 1907, but it is safe to state that the Bremen's reign will be brief by comparison. The achievement will merely fan the fierce flame of competition—the Blue Riband being the greatest ambition of all the famous shipping lines operating on the North Atlantic—and the very fact that such a high mark has been set, will stimulate designers to an effort which would have been undreamed-of when the Mauretania left the slips. The struggle, incidentally, will not long be delayed. Both the Cunard Line and the White Star Line have been developing plans for ships, which are to be the biggest in the world, while only a few days ago it was announced that the leading American line proposed to lay down two new 50,000-ton liners next year. Apart from their size, the greatest feature of these new greyhounds will be their speed. It is well known that the Cunard Line, at least, has been awaiting only knowledge of the Bremen's capabilities before proceeding with the "Britannia" and the fact that more than 30 knots are required will not seriously perturb her builders. The race is to the swift, which means the first in the field but temporarily.

The Hongkong Benevolent Society acknowledges, with grateful thanks, a donation of \$10 from "Anonymous," in memory of L. A. Cossart and L. M. Whyte.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE ALMOST ALL OF US SLAVES OF THIRAS.—Lord Balfour.

A Chinese case of diphtheria was notified yesterday.

Lieut. Commr. W. J. B. Handley has been appointed to H. M. S. Stormcloud.

A Manila warning issued at 6.30 a.m. to-day states that the typhoon is in 130 Long, and 18 Lat., moving west.

Mr. C. M. Marriot, of Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor, has reported to the police the loss of a gold cigarette case, valued at \$50.

The return of notifiable diseases for the past week shows two fatal cases of typhoid, three deaths from influenza, and one non-fatal case each of diphtheria and puerperal fever. All were Chinese.

The appeal against the judgment of the Puisse Judge in the action Mr. Harry Cooper v. The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., is to be heard by the Full Court (the Chief Justice and the Puisse Judge) sitting in Appellate Jurisdiction on Thursday, August 1. Mr. C. F. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for appellant.

The Colonial Office announces that Mr. Bernard Henry Bourdillon, C.M.G., C.I.E., Counsellor to the High Commissioner for Iraq, has been selected for appointment as Colonial Secretary of Ceylon in succession to Sir Arthur George Murchison Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., who has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

	July 22	July 23
Shihing	16.4	17.4
Tsingyuen	12.1	12.1
Samsui	9.6	10.6
Shedlung	4.4	6.7

BRIDGE
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The Duck—2.

The following examples typify the principle of the duck:

1—Dummy holding hearts A K 9 8 7 6 5; declarer holding—hearts 4 3. Four cards in the heart suit are out against you. They may be divided two and two or three and one. Play safe and duck the first time, giving up the trick. You will then be reasonably sure of winning six tricks as against a possible two. If you hold a re-entry card in another suit in the dummy it is not necessary to duck and you may play for an even break which would give you seven tricks in hearts.

2—Dummy holding—diamonds A K Q 6 5 4; declarer holding—diamonds 8 7. Five cards in the diamond suit are out against you. They may be divided three and two or four and one. If you need six diamond tricks to make game do not duck, taking a chance so that you may make game. If you need only five diamond tricks for game, duck once and the five tricks will be assured.

3—Dummy holding—clubs A K Q 3 2; declarer holding—clubs 6 5. Six cards in the club suit are out against you. They are probably divided three and three or four and two. If you require only four tricks for game, duck the first time. If you require five tricks for game, play for the drop and do not duck.

4—Dummy holding—spades A K 7 6 5; declarer holding—spades 4 3. Six cards in the spade suit are out against you. Duck the first time and you will probably make four tricks.

5—Dummy holding—hearts A 4 3 2; declarer holding—hearts K 6 5. Six cards in the heart suit are out against you. Duck the first time this suit is played and you may make three tricks.

6—Dummy holding—diamonds A Q 7 6 5; declarer holding—diamonds 4 3 2. Five cards in the diamond suit are missing. Duck the first time. When you get the lead in your hand, lay the 3 and finesse the Queen. You may make four tricks in this manner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Currency.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—A point I have addressed as responsible for the premium on bank notes is their relative scarcity due to hoarding by Chinese, and some reasons have been given in support of this opinion. Your correspondent "Z" says the premium cannot be attributed to hoarding and to substantiate his view cites the

(a) abundance of unemployed money in the possession of most Banks;
(b) abnormal low rate of interest;
(c) absence of demand of Shanghai notes as a medium for concealment of money.

Conditions (a) and (b) do not prove there is no hoarding; rather the contrary, for the inference might be drawn that were such conditions not so favourable to the hoarder, those persons who have withdrawn bank notes from the market might be compelled to pay a much higher premium if they persist in their policy of concealment. To put it in another manner, the abundance of money and low interest, caused by restricted business, have, if anything, curbed the premium. We might see bank notes at 25% premium on a resumption of trade activity.

How much of the abundant funds with Banks is in the form of bank notes is also vital to the argument. The amount of these funds is not ascertainable; but I rather think the bulk is in the shape of credits in the books of the Bankers' bank, and operations thereon are by means of cheques, a credit instrument which has relieved the situation.

(c) is a peculiar condition, but the explanation might be found in the unpopularity of foreign bank notes in North China. I believe it will be admitted that foreign bank notes circulating in Shanghai might be reckoned in decimal points in relation to the paper of the big issuing Chinese Banks.

"Z" cannot be shaken from his view; to what then does he attribute the premium? Incidentally, the views of the Colony's leading banker gauges the limit of the premium to the rate which holders of Chinese remittances are willing to pay for bank notes.

As to the reasons for the high Tael rate, "Z's" theory is novel. The Tael is merely a weight of silver, and the local rate should not exceed the value of this metal in the Hongkong dollar; it so happens that for a long time past our rate has taken into consideration the silver content of the dollar plus the premium on the paper dollar. The rate follows fairly closely sterling rates in Hongkong and Shanghai, i.e. Hongkong paper and Shanghai metal.

Apart from extraordinary influences outside China, I have had a suspicion that Shanghai exchange makes the price of silver, all theory to the contrary notwithstanding, and have we reached another stage of topsy turvydom of the premium on local paper making the Tael? I would like a little enlightenment.

We may yet come to an agreement, at any rate on all points that matter, but as to on whom the responsibility should be thrown to correct the anomaly which has prompted this correspondence, we must agree to differ.—Your, etc.

OBSERVER.

Hongkong, July 24, 1929.

LIME INSTEAD OF CEMENT.

FACTORY OWNER FINED AT KOWLOON.

The owner of a soy factory which is being built in Nathan Road was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with condoning material divergence to the plans by using lime mortar instead of cement mortar.

The defendant pleaded guilty and the divergence was the fault of the workmen.

Mr. F. C. Neville pointed out the dangers of using lime mortar which rendered the building weaker and would probably collapse in the first typhoon.

His Worship fined the defendant \$15 and ordered the defective parts to be reconstructed to the satisfaction of the P.W.D.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are now in port:—H.M.S. Tamar, H.M.S. Bridgewater and Submarine L3.

North Arm.—H.M.S. Sirdar.

West Wall Dock.—H.M.S. Castor.

In Dock.—H.M.S. Sterling, H.M.S. Stormcloud and H.M.S. Cicada.

Oil Fuel Jetty.—H.M.S. Tarantula.

Foreign.—U.S.S. Mindanao.

The Very Idea!

The priest of the scattered farms of Majankabzallas, in Hungary, who recently accompanied thirty children from the elementary school on a three days' visit to Budapest, relates that when the train in which the children embarked left the station, a small boy named Pally Fekete was left behind. The prospect of missing the sights of the capital which had been described to him aroused such despair in Pally's breast that without a moment's hesitation he started to run after the train. Pally's start was made at four o'clock in the morning; at eight o'clock in the evening of the day following he was found by a Budapest policeman in an exhausted condition, having made the 120 kilometres on the stones at the side of the railway line, barefooted, and running most of the way. When re-united with the party, Pally expressed himself as satisfied that he had not missed the treat after all; but he was totally unable to comprehend why his arrival caused so much excitement among the grown-ups.

"I do hope you keep your cows in a pasture," said Mrs. Newlwyed as she paid the milkman.

"Yes, madam," replied the milkman, "of course we keep them in a pasture."

"I'm so glad," gushed Mrs. Newlwyed. "I have been told that pasteurized milk is much the best."

Woman at Tottenham—She said that if I stood where I was she would throw a bucket of water over me. I stood still and she threw the water.

Man at Bow County Court—You have lodgers? Woman—Oh, no! Boarders. Man—Four men. Woman—No! Four gentlemen.

Woman at Highgate—I know when my husband is drunk by the way he slams the door when he comes home.

Man at Glasgow—I drink beer as a refreshment, not as a hobby.

Lambeth Magistrate—What does your father live on? Witness—Beer.

Solicitor at Witley—Roads and railways are much in the air just at present.

The butler had fallen ill, and the lady was at his wife's end for somebody to wait at table.

Suddenly he thought of his gardener. If the latter could be persuaded to don the butler's clothes, all might be well.

The guests arrived, and dinner was announced. They took their places at the table, and the gardener commenced his duties.

"John," cried the host some minutes later, "how dare you? Take your thumbs out of the soup!"

The gardener looked down at the offending digits. "It's a' right, sir," he smiled; "it's no' a bit hot."

Mrs. Mary Podpadec was in court recently at Cleveland, U.S.A., suing for a divorce from her husband Joseph. "Does your husband drink?" Judge Ruhl asked her. "Yes," she replied, "for the past three years." "Does he ever get intoxicated?" the judge asked. "Once," Mrs. Podpadec returned. "Oh, you mean that he is still intoxicated?" the judge queried. Mrs. Podpadec replied affirmatively and the judge granted the divorce. The Podpadecs had been married 30 years.

The Town Council of Inverness has agreed to offer the Freedom of the Burgh to Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. S. Baldwin and Sir Murdoch MacDonald, Member of the House of Commons, in recognition of the distinction they have brought to Clan Donald. Mr. Baldwin's mother was a MacDonald.

Seventy years ago or so when alarmists predicted a general European War, a nervous statesman one day rushed into Baron Rothschild's office in a state of great agitation. He said—"We are going to have a war—a terrible war!"

The financier, who was writing at his desk without looking up, replied—"No, we shall have no war."

"But it is inevitable," continued the statesman, growing more excited by reason of the Baron's coolness. "I have just seen three members of the Cabinet, who assure me that war will be declared within a week."

"No," replied Rothschild, "there is not going to be any war. I won't let them have the money."

A District Court Martial assembled at Shamshuipo Camp on July 18 for the trial of Corporal Albert Sherston of the 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry, on a charge of breaking out of barracks, or alternatively out of quarters. Accused was found guilty of the first charge, and was sentenced to take rank and precedence as if his appointment to the rank of Corporal bore date July 18, 1929, and to be severely reprimanded.

LOCAL CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

WIDOW LEAVES MONEY FOR RELIGIOUS OBJECTS.

UNCARED-FOR TOMBS.

A number of bequests to charities and religious institutions are contained in the will of Mrs. Mary Neubrunn, alias Lau Yuk, alias Lu Sze, widow, who died at No. 6, Shing Wong Street on December 3, 1928, leaving \$25,000. Probate has been granted to Samuel Kau, Lan Lee and Woo Yee Tung, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod (Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui).

Among personal bequests, testator directs that all the furniture and effects at present on the second floor of No. 6, Shing Wong Street, shall be given to the Alms House, Kowloon.

With regard to leasehold property registered at the Land Office as sub-section 11, section "A" of Inland Lot No. 157, together with No. 6, Shing Wong Street, she gives power of sale to the trustees and executors, in which case the proceeds are to be divided into three equal shares. Two complete shares are personal bequests and of the last share, the sum of \$2,000 is to be paid to her adopted daughter upon her reaching the age of 21 or in the event of her marriage, while of the balance, \$1,000 is to be devoted to maintaining uncared-for tombs in the Chinese Protestant Cemetery and three equal amounts of the remainder are to go to the Leper Hospital, Pakhoi, and the Dispensary of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton.

Other institutions to benefit, and for which no fixed amounts are stated, except that they shall be equal shares, are the Kwong Wah Hospital, Nethersole Hospital, Blind Home, Fung Pin Hospital, Canton, the Alms House, Kowloon, and the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod. Money received by the latter is to be applied to paying the salaries and other expenses of Bible women belonging to the Diocese.

Testator further directs that other money shall be allowed to accumulate until it is worth \$5,000, which sum shall then go to the Standing Committee for them to invest and devote the income towards the support and education of children of Chinese pastors and catechists belonging to the Diocese. Any balance remaining which is not provided for is to be applied for any purpose and in such manner as the trustees in their uncontrolled discretion shall think fit.

Wan Bui, late of Pun Lai village, Hok Shan, Kwangtung, who died intestate on November 23, 1928, left Hongkong estate worth \$18,100. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Wan Li-shi, temporarily living at No. 17, Connaught Road Central.

PRIVATE GERMAN PROPERTY.

BRITISH FIGURES OF SALE UNDER PEACE TREATY.

London, July 23. Questioned regarding the result of the sale of German private property in Britain, in accordance with the Treaty of Versailles, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, said total proceeds amount to date to £55,500,000.

All British private claims against Germany and German nationals have been paid in full. It is estimated that after all such claims have been met, there will be a surplus, which will be retained in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty and credited against Germany's reparation obligations.

The Government have under consideration the recommendations made by the Committee of Experts on Reparations regarding German property.—British Wire Press.

PROFESSOR VICTIM OF BURGLARY.

OVER \$300 WORTH OF MONEY AND JEWELLERY.

Professor L. T. Redi, living at No. 3, University Path, has reported to the police the theft from his bedroom of \$30 in cash and 12 pieces of jewellery, worth \$335.

The burglary is supposed to have occurred between 3 and 6 o'clock yesterday morning, entry being effected through a window opening out on the verandah, which had been left open.

The thief, ignoring other articles, appears to have made straight for the dressing table, from which he stole the money and jewellery.

A description of the missing property has been supplied to the police, who are making enquiries.

GILLINGHAM FIRE TRAGEDY.

CURIOUS EVIDENCE BY BOY WITNESS.

"MISTAKEN ORDERS."

London, July 23. When the inquest on the victims of the Gillingham fire horror, in which fifteen people lost their lives, was resumed, the Chief of the Gillingham Fire Brigade said that similar displays had been given all over England for the past twenty-five years.

He added that the same spectacular effect could not be obtained by rescuing dummies.

It will be recalled that the Fire Brigade was to give a demonstration of life-saving from a blazing building, that the house caught fire prematurely and the occupants trapped in the subsequent collapse.

A boy witness, who attended the fête, said he entered the building but did not remain there as he was wearing his best clothes.

He said he saw a fireman and one of the victims set fire to shavings on the ground floor. Witness asked the fireman if the shavings would flare up, and the fireman replied that they would only smoulder. The fireman then went upstairs. Witness then saw the flames and left.

The jury recorded a verdict of "Death by Misadventure." They found that the fire was started on the ground floor by some one unknown mistaking his orders. They added a rider that human lives should not be risked in such displays.—Reuter.

PLEA FOR BETTER PICTURES.

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rights and these practically all represent accounts for films.

The chief item in the assets to bring before your notice is our stock of films and film rights. This amounted to over \$300,000 the previous year, whereas by the end of March last we have reduced them to \$200,000, most of which consist of new films and the remainder written down to a very conservative estimate of their value.

Film Exchange Scheme.

We were very fortunate last year in securing very good offers for our films. This year the position is not quite so good, except that there is a movement on foot for a film exchange company to be formed in conjunction with other theatres. If this eventuates, the financing of films will be taken off our shoulders thus allowing us to use this money for the extensions of more theatres in different cities in China, and improvements to our various existing theatres, also enabling us to use this money profitably instead of having it tied up in films as at the present moment.

Sundry debtors are more than last year, but since then a large portion of this has been recovered. Cash on current account, on fixed deposit and in hand amounted to \$209,248.33 on March 31st. This was due to getting in cash for our film stock and so reducing same. Also, because these accounts are made out at the end of our season and although this amount may seem large it is really of so. We have creditors and bills payable amounting to \$159,536.41. We require our fixed deposits in order to open credits with our bankers for films and at this period of the year we have over six months of the summer in front of us, when our returns decrease very considerably.

The "Talkies."

In addition to this, your Directors have considered the new and big development of talking pictures. The installation of this apparatus will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and if we are to give way to the film producers the talking films will cost us from four to five times as much as for silent films, notwithstanding the fact that silent films have been increasing in cost from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. each year.

It is because of this and also the fact that our business has grown out of proportion with the original capital investment that we must either build up a yearly reserve to cope with it or come to the shareholders for an increase of capital. The latter is expensive and the present policy of your Directors is favoured especially considering competition which is threatened from outside.

These, I think, are all the explanations of the balance sheet you will require.

Mr. Ray's Resignation.

A further matter, however, I must mention and that is Mr. Ray's resignation, which took place during the past year. He severed his connexion with this

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COTTON INDUSTRY CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT SEEKING TO REOPEN PARLEY.

EXTENSIVE INQUIRY.

London, July 23. Officials of the Ministry of Labour are continuing their efforts in Manchester to find a basis for the reopening of negotiations in the cotton industry dispute.

The operatives decline to discuss any cut in wages and refuse to continue the negotiations until the notices have been withdrawn.

The employers refuse to withdraw the notices, and insist that any discussion must be on the question of wage reduction. They at present propose a reduction of about 2s. 6d. in the £.

The Inquiry.

In the House of Commons, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, said the inquiry into the cotton trade would be conducted by a sub-committee of the Committee of Civil Research, consisting of two Ministers, one prominent industrialist, one leading Trade Unionist, and one accountant.

The terms of reference, said Mr. Graham, would be very broad, and would cover the condition of the industry, and its power to recover the home and export markets. The inquiry would open after the holiday season and would last for three or four months. It would deal with marketing in India, China and elsewhere.

New Co-operative Scheme.

It is reliably learned that a number of prominent leaders in the Lancashire cotton industry have decided to combine in a co-operative endeavour to provide new bleaching, dyeing, printing and finishing plant. A meeting of those interested today decided to raise £5,000,000 capital for this purpose.—Reuter.

STOWAWAY MISSES HIS PORT.

GAVE HIMSELF UP TO CHIEF OFFICER.

A fine of \$50, with the alternative of one month's hard labour, was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte, Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Japanese who was charged with stowing away on board the s.s. Tjitareem from Balikpapan.

It was stated that the defendant gave himself up and asked the Chief Officer for a job. He had given no trouble on board.

The defendant told his Worship that he was on his way to Macassar, his native town.

His Worship pointed out that the ship had passed Macassar. The defendant said he was not aware he had missed his port. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

NINETEEN DROWNED.

FAST BOATS COLLIDE ON LAKE MICHIGAN.

Chicago, July 23. Nineteen were drowned in a collision between two fast boats, one of which was the famous "Gaby Gar", on Lake Michigan.—Reuter's American Service.



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BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA.

NO INTENTION OF INCREASE IN NEAR FUTURE.

COMMONS STATEMENTS

London, July 23. Mr. Tom Shaw, the Minister for War, answering questions in the House of Commons today, said that at the present time there were six British battalions and one Indian battalion attached to the China Command.

Two of the British battalions and one Indian were stationed in Hongkong, two British battalions in Shanghai, and two British battalions in Tientsin.

The Government were considering the question of the number of troops in China, but it had not yet reached a conclusion. There is, however, said Mr. Shaw, no intention of increasing the number of battalions in China in the near future.

Mr. Shaw declined to say whether he considered the number of battalions adequate or too large.

Replying to Mr. Lambert, Mr. Shaw said the £1,150,000 mentioned in the Army Estimates for Singapore defence works related to work services only, the Singapore Base covering defence cantonments, roads, piers, workshops and other building services.

The question of the size of the Singapore garrison had not yet been determined, but all questions connected with the Base were now being considered.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST STORY REFUTED.

"FALKE" NOT BRINGING ARMS TO CHINA.

Berlin, July 23.

The Communist organ *Rote Fahne* is responsible for a statement that the German steamer Falke has left the Polish harbour of Gdynia with a large consignment of ammunition for China.

It asserts that the captain realised the impossibility of obtaining a German crew in consequence of the embargo on the shipment of arms to China and tried Danzig, where the sailors refused out of solidarity with the Soviets. The captain finally got a crew of Poles at Gdynia.

Later, The North German Lloyd categorically denies the report regarding the steamer Falke, stating that the vessel is proceeding to London, and not to China.—Reuter.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

WOMAN RESCUED AT KAI TACK.

Resolving to end her life, a Chinese woman, named Wo Seen (43), living in an unnumbered house at Tung Tau Village, on the mainland, leaped into the harbour from the Kai Tack Bund yesterday. A cargo-boatman, named Cheung Tin, rescued the woman as she was struggling in the water, and later sent her to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where she is recovering from the effects of the immersion.

THE "BATTLE" OF GLENEALLY.

"FIERCE TIGER TONG" ON THE WARPATH.

SEQUEL IN COURT.

Police Court proceedings this morning, when seven Chinese were charged before Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg with disorderly conduct in connexion with the fight at Gleneally last night, have revealed the activities of a "tong" of young bravados, who calling themselves the "Fierce Tiger Tong," have been making war on the coolies employed at the Dairy Farm, pestering girl pedestrians, and in general making themselves a complete nuisance in the vicinity.

The chief characteristics by which this gang of rascals may be distinguished are their extreme youthfulness, a penchant for wearing football shorts and jerseys and their fondness for parading in this costume in public.

Lately, it seems, they have fallen foul of the coolies employed at the Dairy Farm, and yesterday between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, the whole number of the "Tigers" demonstrated with fighting irons before the Dairy Farm premises in Wyndham Street. This appears to have been the signal for an equal number of coolies to appear from the Dairy Farm premises and meet their opponents in a battle in which a number were injured.

Sub-Inspector Saunders, who appeared at this moment on his motor-cycle, reported that he saw a number of coolies congregated near the doorway of the Dairy Farm building, while a stream of other coolies were coming down the staircase. As far as he could see, they were all armed with bamboo poles.

He arrested one of the men, but released his captive to chase another man, who was using his fighting irons on a third man who was being taken along by an Indian constable.

Of the seven prisoners charged before the Court, five were Dairy Farm coolies, while the other two were identified as members of the "Tiger Gang."

The coolies averred that they had been frequently molested by the gangsters, and that they were acting in self-defence.

Four of the coolies were fined \$25 and bound over, and another discharged.

That left the Court to deal with the two boys who were identified with the "Fierce Tiger Gang." One was fined \$10, or 14 days, and bound over. The other, was fined \$25, or one month.

Addressing the latter, Mr. Hazlerigg said he was convinced that he was one of the prime movers. "It seems that you have embarked on a course of conduct which may land you in serious trouble, and may bring you to this Court on a more serious charge. I advise you to amend your conduct."

FORMER HONGKONG DETECTIVE.

CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

In charging a Chinese with the possession of nine tablets of contraband opium before Major C. Willson this morning, Revenue Officer Grimmett applied for a serious view to be taken of the case.

He mentioned that two small girls were employed by the accused as carriers, the fact almost escaping the attention of revenue officers but for an attempt being made to throw the opium away.

Enquiries were being made with regard to the two children, and meanwhile the Court was asked to make an order for their detention.

The accused, who is described as being a former detective in the Hongkong Police Force, was remanded for twenty-four hours.

BITTEN BY DOG.

GIRL SENT TO HOSPITAL.

A report received by the police states that Miss Wymel (14), living at No. 61, Mount Parish, has been bitten by a dog and has gone into the Government Civil Hospital for precautionary treatment.

The animal, which is stated to belong to Mrs. Stevenson, who lives at No. 65, Mount Parish, has been removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

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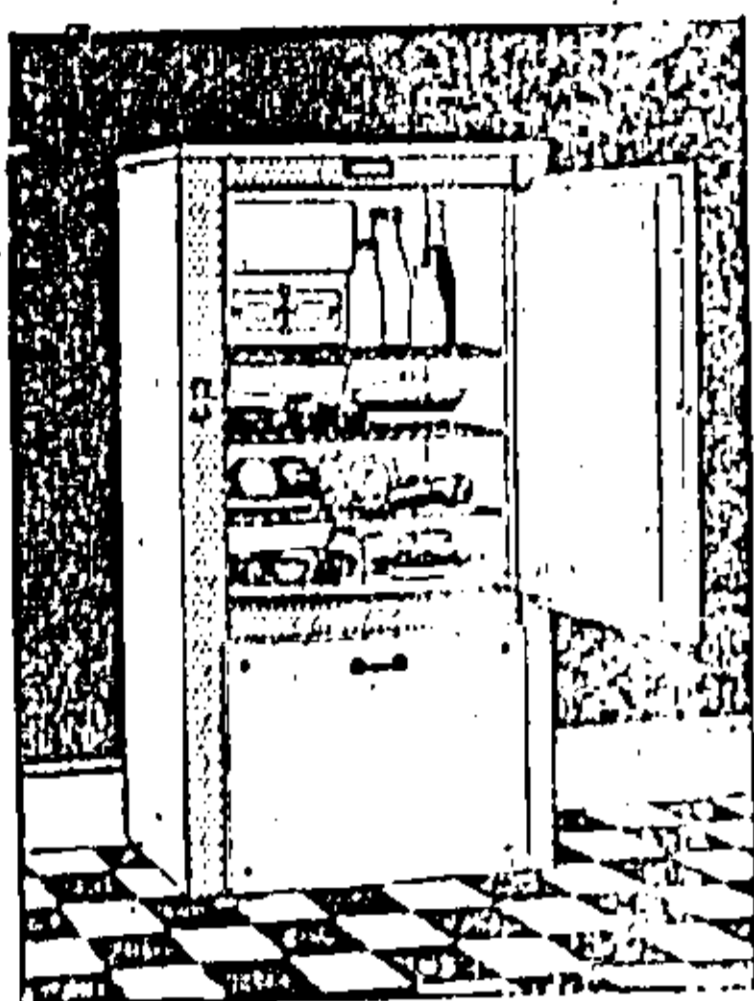
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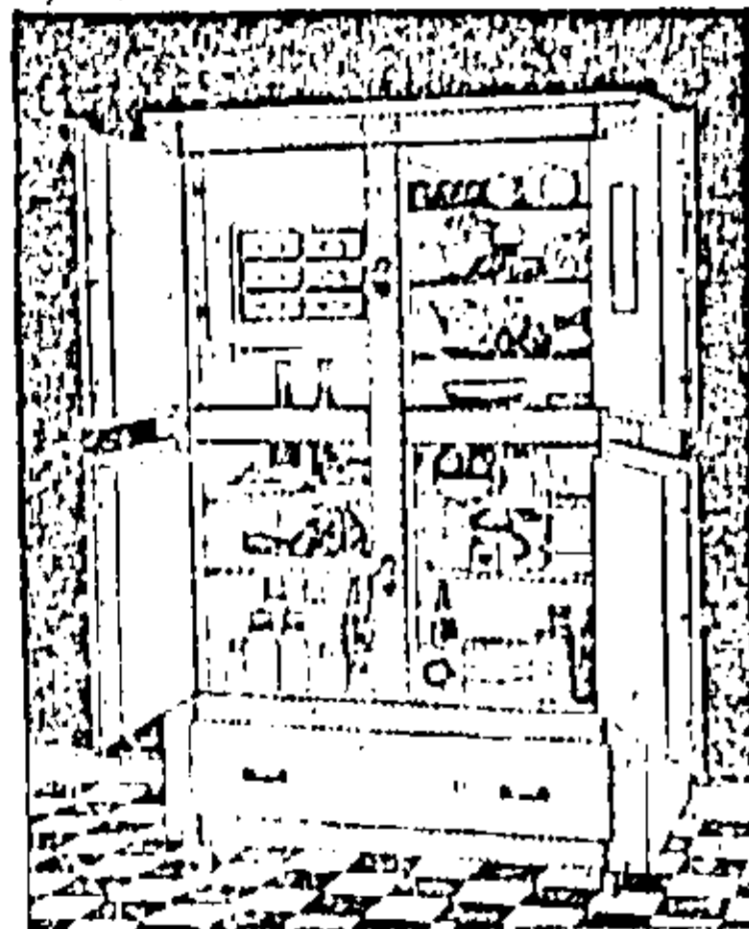


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Company in October last, owing to ill-health, and I am quite sure the best wishes of both the Directors and shareholders go with Mr. Ray in any new enterprise he may take up in more healthy parts of the world. As you know, Mr. Ray was one of the founders of the Company, which was started upon a very small scale and he has given all his best to the shareholders.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and account as presented and after this has been duly seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders may wish to put.

Secunder's Speech.

Mr. N. M. Currie, in seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—In rising to second the report and adoption of accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1929, I would first of all like to take this opportunity of complimenting the Directors on the very successful year's working, which enables them to place such a satisfactory statement before their shareholders. In view of the fact that, since the last annual general meeting, the number of troops stationed in Hongkong has been seriously depleted it is gratifying to observe that the results for the year just completed so closely resemble those for the previous year, and I think that these results can be taken as a criterion of the progress which the Hongkong Amusement Co., Ltd., continue to make.

While, in view of the somewhat substantial profit again obtained during last year, we would all have naturally been better pleased with a slightly increased dividend, I think I am voicing the sentiments of the shareholders in stating that the conservative policy which the directors have decided on is to be thoroughly recommended, and no doubt they have other ideas in mind for which this excess profit will be utilised, and which I feel sure will eventually benefit the existing shareholders at a subsequent date.

I have now much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1929 as presented.

Shareholders' Questions.

Mr. C. Mancini then asked:—You may have made some reference to the question before I did you I could not hear, owing to the noise outside or the fans, but you have an item in your Profit and Loss Account of \$15,777.12 representing Directors' Commission. This represents almost 10 per cent. of the working profit, which seems to me decidedly excessive. I should like to know how many permanent directors have we now and what are their salaries and commissions?

The Chairman referred to his speech and revealed a passage relating to the matter.

Mr. Mancini then asked:—Another item I beg to query is cash on current account. Why do you carry the enormous sum of \$141,094 at presumably 2 per cent. per annum, when investments amounting to \$16,500 represent only 10 per cent. of your reserves? The Chairman replied that March was the best month of the year, and the sum had not been there very long. It was only there temporarily.

"Appalling Films."

Mr. Mancini: Now, Sir, I venture to remark that whatever ability might have been displayed by yourself and the Board of Directors to bring about profits as shown in the balance sheet, we have to thank the public principally for their generous support; and you must not overlook their forbearance for some of the appalling films you have thought fit to show at times, even at the Queen's Theatre. With things all our own way on this island, and no competition, there is utterly no reason why you should exhibit certain ridiculous films, which many others come with me in saying are absolutely an insult to one's intelligence. Films of this sort should be scrapped and never shown, even if we have to lose by it. I do not know what process you go through to select your pictures, but if those responsible for this business continue to palm off their rubbish on to us, then I say it is high time that you gentlemen on the Board took steps to remedy this defect. If you cannot do this effectively, then I should like to draw your attention to the fact that the high prices you charge for admission, and the huge profits this Company has been able to produce, warrant funds being set aside to scrap idiotic and old films.

When this Company was under its former management, some expensive films used to be shown, and the public supported us to the extent of paying increased prices, for admission, with the result that

a packed house was invariably the order of the day, but, Sir, your aim now seems to be one of economy in every direction.

Directors' Shares.

Perhaps this is due to the fact that the majority of the shares are in the hands of the Directors, and therefore the greater the economy, the greater your own profit, under the conditions under which you gentlemen on the Board are now operating as holders of the greater number of shares.

Mr. Gubbay (interrupting):—You are wrong in that remark please that the majority of the shares are in the hands of the Directors. If you look at the list you will see it is wrong.

The Chairman:—Please let Mr. Mancini speak.

Mr. Mancini (continuing):—If you have so much money to throw about, I respectfully suggest an improvement in the quality of some of your orchestras, and better pictures all round. If you are prepared to pay the price, there should be no reason why you cannot accomplish this end.

Who is to Judge?

The Chairman:—How are you going to judge a picture, whether it is a good one or a bad one?

Mr. Mancini replied he went by those who continually patronised the shows and their remarks. "You must admit, if these pictures are bad ones, are they going to continue to see them?"

The Chairman asked what pictures Mr. Mancini complained of, and he replied he did not complain about the Metro-Goldwyn pictures but he had seen people go out of the cinema remarking that the picture shown was an insult to one's intelligence. There was a picture a short while ago, he believed was entitled "Strong Boy" which he was not able to see himself but he did know for a fact that people who had seen it walked out of the theatre. He was only going by their remarks in that case. He quite understood that the Directors did not always know what a picture was like until it was shown but, Mr. Mancini contended, that was no reason why the public should have inflicted on them certain rubbish for which the Directors were not altogether responsible.

The Chairman replied that if there was anything wrong with the pictures the proper people to complain to were the producers. Also if that was the case, one would expect box-office receipts to go down but they did not go down.

No Competition.

Mr. Mancini: That is because you have no competition here. He continued that the films complained of were not continuously being shown. If they were, then no one would go to the Queen's Theatre at all. People went and did not know what they were going to see.

Mr. Mancini added that he thought they should scrap some of these films, not inflict them on the public, and pay for the films.

out of the ample funds the Company had.

The Chairman said they could not alter the temperaments of people. One had to change the type of pictures occasionally.

Mr. Mancini: That is quite right, but I think you must admit that some of your pictures are an insult to one's intelligence to show them at all.

The Chairman:—I am no judge of pictures, but I am judge of box office receipts.

New Venture?

Mr. Mancini replied the box office receipts did not go down because the Company had no competition and had things all their own way. He understood that the Yee Sang Fat building just across the road was going to be pulled down, and he understood it was possible that a cinema theatre would be built there. If that was so, and the Company did not make a point of getting first-class pictures, then their position was going to weaken.

The Chairman said anybody could open a theatre in Hongkong and asked whether Mr. Mancini was claiming that the Queen's Theatre had a monopoly? Mr. Mancini:—You have no competition on this side. There was, he added, at the moment no place in such a good situation as the Queen's Theatre. A cinema in the new building on the site of Yee Sang Fat would, however, be very suitable.

The Chairman remarked that he could mention other sites.

Mr. Mancini replied that that might be so, but probably the prices were so high as to prevent it.

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the Queen's Theatre? Didn't they have to pay a high price? They had a monthly rent to pay, and it was not likely to be cheaper than other sites.

Mr. Mancini then said he had nothing more to say.

The Chairman:—I am afraid we can do nothing better for you than we are doing.

The Chairman, a few minutes later, referred to Mr. Mancini's remarks with reference to shares.

There were, said Mr. Backhouse, no more shares held at present by Directors of the Company than before and the Company was not, as Mr. Mancini had termed, under new management.

Mr. Mancini:—Thank you. The report and statement of accounts were then put to the meeting and carried.

Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Gubbay, seconded by Mr. Lee In-chung, Messrs. J. M. Noronha and Lo Shan-wan were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis, chartered accountants, were re-auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$500, on the proposition of Mr. C. Mancini, seconded by Mr. J. E. Noronha.

Directors supporting the Chairman were Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. Ma Tsi-chiu, Mr. Lee In-chung, Mr. Lo Shan-wan, Mr. Lo Kan, with Mr. C. S. Ross (secretary). Shareholders present were Mr. N. M. Currie, Mr. C. Mancini, Dr. C. M. Heanley, Mr. J. E. Noronha and Mr. Ho Ki.

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SANITARY BOARD.

WATER SHORTAGE EFFECT ON POPULATION.

Consideration of a report from the Medical Officer of Health on the recent small pox epidemic was yesterday deferred by the Sanitary Board on the proposal of Mr. N. L. Smith, the President.
He said he had not read through the report and understood that some members had not had time to study it. One member had suggested that the report should be printed and circulated and he thought the matter might be deferred for a fortnight in order that all members could study the report.
Mr. M. K. Lo said that when the report was circulated he had insufficient time to study it. If any action was to be taken by the Board on the report then questions of public importance arose. There were matters which concerned Chinese medical men and the entire report would have to be carefully studied.
It was eventually decided that the unofficial members of the Board should be supplied with typed copies of the report.

Cattle and Swine.

The President said that at the last meeting the Hon. Mr. Braga had called attention to the cattle and swine returns for this and last year as indicating a decrease in the population, presumably owing to the water shortage. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon had reported that the differences in the figures were normal fluctuations and he did not consider it likely that the water shortage had had any effect on the cattle and swine return figures.
The Hon. Mr. Braga said he had shown a fluctuation of 38 per cent and he did not think that difference could be found in the figures for last year. He added that the effect on the population of the variation was, of course, hypothetical.

The President said he would get further information as he would like to go into the matter himself.

Water Tanks on the Praya.

The President pointed out that at a previous meeting Mr. Wong Kwong-tin had raised the question of the purity of the water in the tanks on the Praya. The water was examined daily by the Government Analyst and it was tested for freedom from chlorine. If it was free from chlorine then the requisite amount was added. The water was also tested by the Government Bacteriologist, who reported that the water was of excellent quality, of the same degree of purity as the supply from the mains and that bacilli coli was absent in 50 c.c.

BREMEN'S RECORD VOYAGE.

CUNARD LINE OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS.

New York, July 23.
On the arrival of the Mauretania last night the Captain hastened to congratulate the Bremen officers on behalf of himself and crew. Simultaneously the Cunard Line's resident manager telegraphed congratulations to the Norddeutscher Lloyd. It is noteworthy that the Bremen is entirely oil-burning.—Reuter's American Service.

A NEW MOTORSHIP.

ATHELMONARCH'S FIRST VISIT TO HONGKONG.

A new motorship, built only last year, the Athelmonarch was an interesting visitor in the Colony when she arrived here yesterday from California with a cargo of oil for the Asiatic Petroleum Company.
The Pure Cane Molasses Company of Hongkong, who are the local agents, inform us that the Athelmonarch was built at Port Glasgow and launched last year, the owners being the British Molasses Company. A tanker, constructed on the Isherwood system, it is designed to carry all classes of oil as well as molasses, and on this first trip to Hongkong from San Pedro, California, it brought 12,700 tons of oil, of which 5,700 was for local discharge.

A twin-screw vessel, the Athelmonarch is equipped with Burmeister and Wain engines, developing 3,800 h.p. and 2,800 h.p. The average speed is 11 knots an hour.

Interesting Features.

An interesting feature is that the vessel is equipped with all-electric gear, a Sperry gyro-compass and automatic steering being used. She is also fitted with Marconi wireless direction finding.
At a working speed, the fuel consumption is in the neighbourhood of 112 tons of oil a day. At sea, the engine-exhaust gas is used to heat one boiler to drive auxiliaries and dynamos, this being an economical usage which is being adopted on up-to-date oil-consuming vessels. Certain auxiliary pumps are also driven at sea from the main engines.

The facilities for rapid discharge of cargo, consist of four pumps through any of which 300 tons of oil, or 200 tons of molasses, can be discharged per hour.

Other particulars are: Length overall, 495 feet; beam, 63 feet; and loaded draft, 27 feet 4 inches. The vessel has a deadweight tonnage of 14,000, and a carrying capacity of 12,500. She is commanded by Captain H. Moore and carries a crew of 44.

Upon arrival here, the Athelmonarch proceeded to the A.P.C. wharf at North Point, where her cargo of oil is being discharged.

From Hongkong, the Athelmonarch will proceed under ballast to Sourabaya, where she will pick up a cargo of molasses for the United Kingdom. On the way down, the tanks will be cleaned out with steam and caustic soda in preparation for the reception of her new cargo.

RIVER ACCIDENT.

HONGKONG JUNK SINKS ABOVE TAI SHAN.

In a report to the Harbour Office yesterday, Lo Kee, the master of trading junk No. N1224A, related how his craft, with a cargo of rice and rice husk bound for Kaulong from Hongkong, sank at the mouth of the Canton River above Tai Shan. Fortunately no lives were lost but the cargo was washed away.
The junk with a cargo of 200 bags of rice and 1,700 bags of rice husk left Yumatti at 3 a.m. on July 20 towed by a launch. She reached Tai Shan at 8 a.m. on the same day and engaged another launch to tow her for the rest of the way to Kaulong, leaving Tai Shan at 5 p.m.

All went well until 8 p.m. when near the Kong Su bank at the mouth of the Canton River above Tai Shan when it was discovered that the junk was leaking badly. The launch at once slipped tow and went alongside taking off everybody on board. The junk took a list and sank within 15 minutes of the discovery of the leak, all the cargo being washed away.

The master of the junk expressed his opinion that the leak was

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General cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after 22nd July.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after the 20th July, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th August, or they will not be recognised.

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caused by a log hitting the side of his craft, his theory being borne out by the fact that on the night before the accident another junk laden with logs had sunk somewhere above the spot where his own junk sank. On the way up the river, he had also noticed logs floating on the water.

The junk was salvaged and towed to Shukok the next morning.
The damage to the junk is assessed at \$2,000 while the cargo is valued at \$14,000, there being also the loss of the junk's armament, clothing, etc. (valued at about \$600) making the total loss \$16,600.

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TANDA	6,956	6th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
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A STREET AFFRAY.

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The Police turned out in force last evening about seven o'clock to cope with a serious affray which occurred near Glensay, at the top of Wyndham Street, when over forty Chinese, some of whom were coolies in the employ of the Dairy Farm, indulged in a free fight, following a dispute. It is understood that the Dairy Farm employees were armed with bamboo poles, while the other side used iron bars and knives. The former side being outnumbered, two of them were wounded, but the timely arrival of the Police prevented further casualties. A few arrests were made on the spot, and later the Police raided the ground floor of No. 31, Wyndham Street, and found a number of iron implements believed to have been used in the fight.

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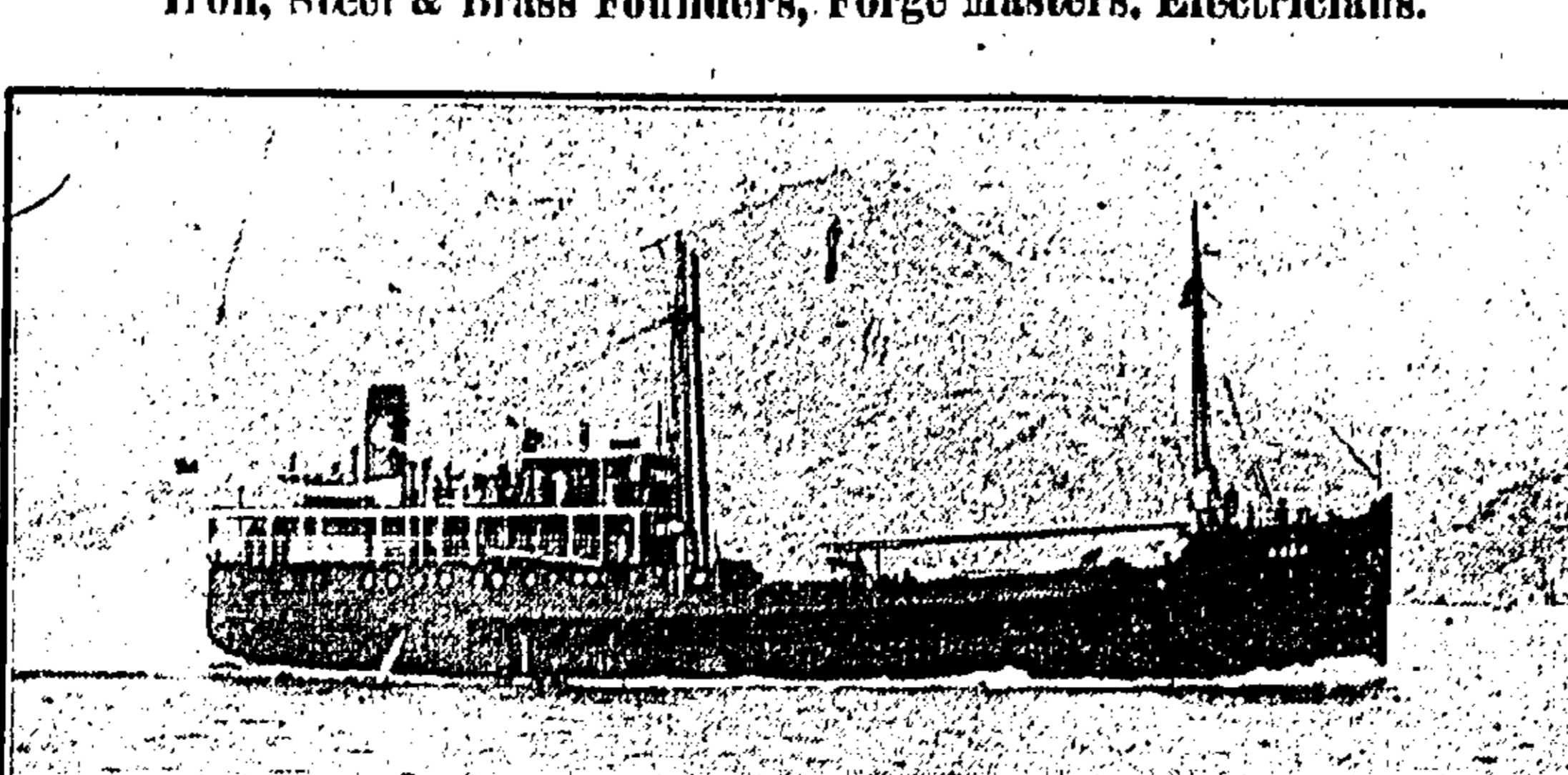
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MISS RYAN AND THE WIGHTMAN CUP.

PUZZLING ACTION BY THE U. S. L. T. A.

ELIGIBLE OR NOT?

London, July 23. Tennis circles have been intrigued by messages exchanged between Miss Helen Wills, the lady champion of the world, and the American Lawn Tennis Association, on the subject of Miss Elizabeth Ryan and her interest in the Wightman Cup match.

It is learned that Miss Wills, who is now on the way to the United States, cabled to the American Lawn Tennis Association requesting them to pay the expenses of Miss Ryan from Europe to enable her to represent America in the Wightman Cup match against Britain, which is to be played at Forest Hills on August 24th.

The Association has replied that they never pay the expenses of anyone living outside the country. Miss Ryan, who is probably still the best woman doubles player in the world, was born in California, but has resided in England for the past twelve years.

She cannot play for England and it seems that unless she returns to live in the United States she cannot represent America. The action of the American Association, however, is puzzling tennis circles as Miss Ryan played for America in the Wightman Cup at Wimbledon in 1926 when America won—*Reuter.*

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLONIES.

BILL WELCOMED IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, July 23. In the House of Lords, to-day, Lord Passfield, Secretary for the Colonies, moved the second reading of the Bill which provides for the establishment of a Colonial Development Fund, which will be fed by an annual grant from Parliament of such an amount as may be required, not exceeding £1,000,000 in any year.

Advances from the Fund will be made to Colonial Governments at the recommendation of a committee. It would be the business of the Committee, and there would be no temptation to make it a Colonial Office Committee.

The principal motive of the measure was connected with the lamentable condition of employment in those Colonies. It was hoped to stimulate British export trade by accelerating the possible development of the Crown Colonies, protectorates and dependencies.

The measure was welcomed by the House—*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN MARINES IN NICARAGUA.

FORCE TO BE WITHDRAWN IN NEAR FUTURE.

Washington, July 23. President Hoover has announced that the 1,200 marines at present stationed in Nicaragua are shortly to be withdrawn.

It is understood that the State Department has decided on this step owing to favourable reports of the internal situation in Nicaragua. The action will also silence the strong Democratic criticism of the maintenance of a virtual American Army of Occupation in a free and independent country.

THE BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

PREMIER MAKES STATEMENT IN HOUSE TO-DAY.

London, July 23. In the House of Commons, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald announced that to-morrow he would make his statement regarding the Government's naval programme—*British Wireless.*

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over South Japan and over the Carolines. It is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across the Bulintang Channel and Northern Luzon to the Pacific. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—South-East or variable winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.

EXCITING CRICKET FINISHES.

GLOUCESTER BEATEN BY SIX RUNS.

HOW WORCESTER NARROWLY ESCAPED DEFEAT.

SURREY 'SAVE' MATCH.

London, July 23. Many thrilling vicissitudes, tense excitement on the last day and sparkling cricket resulted from the match between Notts and Gloucester which concluded at Bristol to-day. The game has a distinct bearing on the championship and Notts won by six runs! Lancashire dropped further valuable points, compiling a huge score against Surrey at the Oval, but failing to press home an advantage of over 330 runs on the first innings.

Bowlers were, however, generally successful, only six centuries being scored.

Batting

Watson (Lancashire)	169
J. C. White (Warwick)	129
Mead (Notts)	129
Sandham (Surrey)	113
Santall (Warwick)	111
Riley (Leicester)	101
Not Out.	

Bowling

Parker (Gloucester)	7 for 35
J. C. White (Somerset)	6 for 47
Lee J. (Somerset)	6 for 57
Mayer (Warwick)	5 for 43

The principal individual performances were:

EXCITING FINISH.

Gloucester Just Fail at a Crisis.

Notts defeated Gloucester by six runs in a match of ups and downs at Bristol. It was one of the keenest games of the season and provided a most thrilling finish. Gloucester conceded first place in the table to Kent as the result of their defeat.

A. W. Carr was lucky with the spin of the coin and probably it was this fact which decided the match. Going in first, Notts made 219 runs.

Gloucester found themselves in difficulties on a tricky wicket and they were all out for 168, arrears of 51 runs.

It was not, however, to be an easy victory for Notts. Parker was almost unplayable when they batted a second time and he took 7 wickets for 35 runs, the whole side being dismissed for 116.

A score equivalent to their first innings total would have given Gloucester victory, but they were fighting for runs from the word "go" so to speak. Voce was in good form with the ball and he was chiefly responsible for their failure. The last Gloucester wicket fell at 161, seven runs short of victory, Voce returning an analysis of 5 wickets for 60.

HANTS WIN EASILY.

Leicester Find a New Centurion.

Hampshire defeated Leicester by seven wickets at Southampton, experiencing little difficulty. Leicester made 223 on batting first, to which Hampshire replied with 233, Philip Mead contributing 129. Leicester were in danger of collapse, but a timely innings by Riley, who made 101, scoring his first century in first-class cricket, enabled them to reach a total of 214.

Hampshire made 105 runs for the loss of three wickets.

A SOMERSET SUCCESS.

Second Victory of the Season.

Somerset, who occupy the foot of the table, defeated Northants by 155 runs at Taunton, thanks to good bowling by J. C. White and Lee. Somerset made 246 in their first innings, Northants replying with 162 (J. C. White, 6 for 47). In their second knock, the home county gave a still better batting display, compiling 263 for the loss of 4 wickets and declaring. Northants were sent back for 192, Lee taking 6 wickets for 67 runs.

LANCASHIRE HELD.

Surrey Recover Partially from Likely Defeat.

WATER IN STORAGE STILL GROWS.

OVER 50,000,000 GALLONS ADDED YESTERDAY.

HAPPIER SITUATION.

Between an inch and an inch and a half on rain fell in the vicinity of Tytam reservoirs yesterday and as a result, there has been further addition to water in storage since yesterday morning of 52,000,000 gallons.

The total in storage on the island is now in excess of 684,000,000 gallons, which is more than four times as much as a fortnight ago. The state of emergency is now definitely at an end, as the reservoirs contain sufficient, under twelve hours a day supply, to last until after Christmas, even presuming that no further rains come.

Kowloon again had less rain than Hongkong, though nearly an inch of rain was registered in the catchment areas.

The gain in Kowloon reservoir in the 24 hours ended at 7.30 a.m. to-day was 18,000,000 gallons, bringing the total in storage to 326,000,000.

The Proposed Water Charges.

At the next meeting of the Chinese Sugar Merchants' Association, on Friday, Mr. Ho Lu, who is the Hon. Secretary of the Association, will move a resolution in connexion with the Government's proposed increased charges for metered supplies of water, particularly so far as the new measure affects industrial establishments. This is a matter of moment to candy and ginger factories (where much sugar is used), and on their behalf the Association will approach the three Chinese unofficial members of Council.

The resolution, to be proposed will take the form of a motion that the Association shall write to the three Chinese Unofficials and request them to obtain from the Government, firstly the fixation of a definite limit to the charges to be made; and secondly, an assurance that the measure is only to be a temporary one.

At the instance of Mr. Tso Sze-tsun, Vice-Chairman of the Twenty-Four Trades Guild, a meeting of that body is to be held at 7.30 p.m. to-day, at which it will be proposed that the Chinese Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council be asked to obtain from the Government the two concessions mentioned above. It is probable also that the Government may be asked to abolish the proposed meter charges altogether, if the situation is relieved by rains.

LATEST REFUELLING AIR RECORD.

MACHINE STILL UP AFTER ELEVEN DAYS.

St. Louis, July 23. The refuelling endurance record set up on the 12th instant by the plane "Angeleno" (10 days, 6 hours, 44 minutes) has been broken by the Curtis monoplane, "St. Louis Robin," piloted by Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien.

The flight started at 7.17 a.m. on the 13th instant, and is still continuing.

The pilots have dropped a note from the machine saying they are both fit and that the machine is running excellently. — *Reuter's American Service.*

MORE UPS AND DOWNS.

Exciting Cricket at Dudley.

Sensational cricket was seen at Dudley. Worcester after doing so well in their first innings as to force Warwickshire to follow on, were ultimately somewhat fortunate to escape defeat!

Worcester made 382 in their first innings and disposed of Warwickshire for 224 (Santall saving the situation with a nice 111, while Root was taking 7 wickets for 101) and then enforced the follow-on.

Warwickshire tackled their task valiantly and thanks to their skipper, R. E. S. Wyatt, who made 129 (not out) fears of defeat were quickly removed. Wyatt eventually declared with 380 on the board for 6 wickets.

The sensations had not finished, however. When Worcester took second knock, wickets fell rapidly, Mayer bowling splendidly. Six wickets had gone for 83 runs when time was called, Mayer claiming five of them for 43 runs.—*Reuter.*

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